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BIRTH

KLAUSNER.—On March 24, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Vera, wife of L. Klausner, a son, ERIC GERALD. -4948

MARRIAGE

LIPKOVSKY — TESMENITSKY.—On March 25, 1940, at the Ohell Rachel Synagogue, Shanghai, before Rabbi Ashkenazi, BERTHA TESMENITSKY, only daughter of Mr. L. A. Tesmenitsky of Harbin, to BORIS LIPKOVSKY, only son of Mr. M. Lipkovsky, of Shanghai. -4949

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The Summer 1940 issues of the Foreign and Chinese Telephone Directories will go to press TO-DAY, and no additions or alterations can be accepted after 5 p.m.

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ELLIS & HAYS,
Legal Practitioners for Algar & Co., Ltd.
March 15, 1940. -4518

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday April 2, 1940 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 2, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11494

SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Associated Clubs are reminded that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Shanghai Engineers' Club, 220 Szechuen Road, on Wednesday, March 27, 1940 at 6 p.m.

All Lawn Bowlers are cordially invited to attend.

By Order of the Committee,
11575

Change of Address, etc.

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11561

To-day's Events

MARCH

26 A.W.C. Bridge and mahjongg, 3
26 Cathedral School for Boys Gymkhana, Ascot Riding School, 2.30
26 A.W.C. Fashions Old Bond St., 4.30
26 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 5.30
26 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
26 *Macao ceded to Portugal (1887)*
26 *Fascio di Combattimento formed, Milan (1919)*
26 *Japan ceased membership of League of Nations (1935)*
26 *S.M.C. election declared invalid (1936)*
26 *NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.*

Coming Events

MARCH

27 M.C.L. Bridge and mahjongg, Charter House, 156 Edinburgh Road, 3.
27 China Bible House, ann. mtg., 5
27 Gala performance 'Music & Laughter' by the International Committee for Polish War Victims, Lyceum, 9
27 'Purim Ball', French Club, 9.30
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 B.W.A. Bridge and mahjongg tea, 3
28 R.A.S. Lecture and Exhibition
28 K.D.S. annual meeting at headquarters. Tea 4.30, business 5.30
28 O. Manjelei and B. Seroff's gala performance: 'The Fairy of Carnival.' Kalman's Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
28 For. Y. Debate: 'Long *v.* Short Engagements'
29 A.W.C. Three one-act plays, 9
29 For. Y.: 'Richard II' Reading, 9
29 Masonic Charity Ball, 9.30
30 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 3
30 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
30 "Fairy of the Carnival," Lyceum, 8.45
30 Amateur Dramatic Players, Supper Dance and Entertainment, A.W.C., 9
30 Amer. Assn. & Ch. Com. dinner to Consul-Gen. C. E. Gauss, CCC, 8
31 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 2.15
31 'Fairy of the Carnival,' Lyceum, 8.45
31 Brith Hahayal Women's Auxiliary Group Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
31 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15

APRIL

1 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
2 A.W.C. Fashions Maxine Maxine, 4.30
2 Cathedral School Old Boys' Association, Annual Dinner, Rowing Club, 8.30
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15 Maestro: Prof. Porgé, AULA 8.30
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
5 Recital by Mary Stewart, Lyc. 9.15
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
8 SSPCA. ann. mtg., 57/17 Bund, 5.15
9 A.W.C. "Appetizers" Mrs. Morris 4.30
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 Municipal Election
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princesse Leüchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess' Lt. Op., Lyc. 8.45
16 A.W.C. "Sketching," Mrs. Dunlap 4.30
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 Asiatic and Indian Dances by Slavina-Brown and Indira-Devi, Lyc., 9
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé
23 A.W.C. Music Dept. Program 4.30

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 DAYS from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the Directors they will then proceed to deal with such application for duplicates.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 3, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11493

MASONIC CHARITY FUND OF NORTHERN CHINA

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to this Fund will be held at the Masonic Hall, 1623 Avenue Road, on Tuesday, March 26, 1940, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Council for the year ended January 31, 1940. Master Masons of all Constitutions, whether subscribers or not, are invited to attend. 11550

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 28 to April 4, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretary and General Managers.
Shanghai, March 22, 1940. 11541

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The Annual General Meeting of members of the Shanghai Club will be held in the Club House TO-DAY. March 26, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

By order of the Committee,
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9.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.	Czech
10.00 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	Spanish
10.15 p.m to 10.30 p.m.	Polish

News in English

Advance notice of outstanding broadcasts during the week will be given under the title "The Week's Programmes" every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 4.15, 8 and 10.15 p.m., by courtesy of the British Foreign Office. Notice of broadcasts of outstanding importance will also be given in the British Official Wireless service.

Frequencies and wavelengths which give the best reception in English at the present time in Shanghai, those in heavy type being better than the rest:—

Local Time	*Frequency*	*Wave*
7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	9.51 m/cs	31.55 m.
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	15.26	19.66
	15.31	19.60
	11.75	25.53
6.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.	15.14	19.82
10.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.	11.75	25.53

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Mar. 24 16.00	Mar. 24 21.00	Mar. 25 4.00	Mar. 25 9.00
Barometer inches	30.18	30.22	30.18	30.22
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.02	—0.05	—0.04
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.05	—0.04	0.00	0.00
Wind (direction)	SE	ESE	W	WNW
„ (miles per hour)	8.1	0.6	5.0	11.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	49.°5	47.°1	47.°7	5.°07
Humidity %	89	100	99	77
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	5
Rainfall inches	0.04	0.06	0.15	0.00

Siccawei Abridged Report March 24	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.22	—0.02	30.12
Temp. Min. 42.°8 Max. 52.°2	47.°5	+1.°1	48.°7
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	8.41	0.73	6.91

Time and Tide	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.51	5.50	5.49	5.48	5.46	5.45	5.44
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.08	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.12	18.13	18.14
Moon rises at Shanghai	21.02	22.05	23.05	—	0.00	0.50	1.35
Moon sets at Shanghai	7.26	8.14	9.04	9.56	10.49	11.43	12.36
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.15	12.44	13.15	13.50	14.36	15.50	17.50
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.30	17.58	6.02	6.45	7.40	8.55	10.30
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	14.09	14.45	15.20	15.40	16.31	5.48	7.30
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	10.03	9.68	9.40	9.19	8.67	7.46	6.69

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, March 26.	Reg.	Ord.
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	14.30	15.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Japan via Kobe	16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on March 29, at 9 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 10.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on March 29, at 9 a.m. for registered and 10 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 9.

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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 47.0 Max. 57.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 33.5 Max. 52.0
Rainfall .19

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday Min. 46.8 Max. 60.8
Same date, 1939 Min. 33.3 Max. 54.3

State on the morning of the 24th:—High and steady pressure over China: normal and rising over Japan. Northwesterly to north-easterly winds along the Chnia Coast. Fine weather in the north: rainy in our regions.

State on the morning of the 25th:—Cloudy and misty weather. Northwesterly wind. Pressure rather high and steady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Variable weather and winds around Shantung. Cloudy with mist or local rain and unsteady winds over our regions and to the South of the Saddles.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—

Per steamer via Suez, on Mar. 29, due London May 4.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Straw Vote:

A Reader's Dissatisfaction

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I am heartily tired of the way in which (sic) the leaders of the British community in Shanghai consistently try to "put it across us" and at the same time, by using the Straw Vote method, try to give their wangle some semblance of democratic freedom.

The result of this secret (?) straw vote has now been declared and we are expected to go to the poll and like good boys record our vote in the good old way.

As a member (active inasmuch as I attend meetings and, what is more important, pay my subscription) of the B.R.A., I, for one, am disgusted with the consistent muddle which the men we elect to the Council always manage to maintain as the *status quo*, and I consider that it is high time that the ratepayers were definite in their demands. I would advocate "Open council meetings" so that the ratepayer is given the opportunity to find out what does actually go on in the council chamber. As a step in the right direction I would appeal to Mr. Ranald G. McDonald to allow himself to be nominated and to stand for election. I am confident that the many Englishmen who refused to take a part in the Straw Vote will give him their support. The members of bodies similar to the Shanghai Tenants' Association will no doubt realize that it is to their interests to elect a man like R. G. McDonald who will work with the knowledge that he is on the Council to protect the interests of the mass of the community and not as a Siegfried Line for vested interests. I would suggest to the Committee of the Shanghai Tenants' Association (I am a paid-up member of this Association) should Mr. McDonald signify his willingness to stand that they adopt him as their official candidate and give him their full support.

The election of Mr. McDonald to the Council would not mean an immediate solving of our problems but it would be the beginning of a different type of representation on the Council and would, I hope, herald the dawn of a new era for the ratepayers of Shanghai.

Shanghai arise for the day is here.

MEXICAN DOLLAR.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Appeal to Mr. McDonald

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—From the results of the Straw Vote operated by the British Election Committee, it is again interesting to note that everything has worked according to plan. During the past glorious years of Municipal Council effort (we have the results) the arrangement of big business-sponsored puppet representation has always run true to form, thanks to the efforts of the British Election Committee.

What I, and many ratepayers like me, wish to know is, who appoint this all-powerful committee of Far Eastern potentates? Their method, or lack of it, MR. RANALD MCDONALD has ably exposed in his two letters to the press. Questions have been raised by MR. RANALD MCDONALD which will be difficult to explain away, and in any case it is well-known the real answers to the questions raised will never be given by this mystery committee. The principles of democracy, which all Britons devoutly love, and for which practically every family in that land has paid for in blood, demand that the names of members forming the British Election Committee be publicly announced, together with a full explanation of the method adopted for their appointment.

The same old muddle in Council affairs will go on for ever, unless voting ratepayers wake up to the fact that they have in their power the means to help themselves, by putting up an independent candidate.

In the circumstances, I hope that MR. RANALD MCDONALD, a man of excellent calibre, will yet stand for the Council, outside and in spite of the closed British combine. MR. RANALD MCDONALD is an independent candidate, is well known to be a champion of the ratepayers, and it now remains for every responsible ratepayer to write MR. RANALD MCDONALD asking him to represent them.

W. M. MACOUSTRA.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Shanghai Girls:

Why the Outburst?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Why this periodical outburst against Shanghai girls? What if they do prefer a male with a liberal income—anything funny about that? They are born in a city where servants are, or rather have been obtained for a mere "song" in comparison with servants at "Home," consequently waited upon hand and foot—and perhaps a little spoilt.

If one can get quantity in wealth plus quality in a man, one is indeed lucky; personally I prefer the latter, if unable to obtain the two. Of course, everyone is entitled to their own taste. Incidentally, I am not a Shanghai lass, being imported from "Home" within the last two years and, perhaps strange to relate, having the dullest time of my life—nevertheless I like to see others enjoy themselves.

As for gold-digging, there's no gold to dig these days, most people scraping to keep their heads above water.

What about a fifty-fifty basis? Granted it's a delicate suggestion, unless the girl knows her man.

As an alternative, try economy, e.g. have a taxi on special occasions and travel by bus between times. "Oh!"—so many of you will not like this. Unfortunately there's no room to hold hands in many buses—hang it, there's nowhere to put one's feet without some person treading on one's toes—sardines loll in luxury compared with the travelling public in Shanghai—and with the former there is only one smell.

However, most girls will experience a certain amount of satisfaction at having saved the boy friend some hard-earned cash and, if they like him sufficiently, will do so with pleasure.

It is said that money is the root of all evil—I can hear most of you saying "For heaven's sake let's have some of the root."

STILL HOPING.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Parents Hold Remedy

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is not my wont to be drawn into controversial newspaper correspondence, but I find it impossible to resist rising to the very tempting bait of your leaderette on Shanghai Girls.

You imply—in your references to providers and bleached locks—that our local girls should marry men a great deal older than themselves. If this is to be the case, our local boys will be driven to bar-propping at the many "joints" in this town—a pastime they little enjoy and can still less afford. Rather than this, let our older men prop up the bars—they can better afford it and, apparently, enjoy it too. Given a break like this, the young men of Shanghai will come into their own again and will no longer have to fear that their evenings will be compared with the extravagant "last night" with "Papa."

The remedy also lies to a great extent with the parents; let them provide a home where a girl may ask her boy friends in to dine before going out. It is no novelty to dine in a Club or restaurant in Shanghai and I know of many boys who are heartily tired of it. This great saving of unnecessary expense would enable the boy to provide for the rest of the evening, thus allowing both to enjoy the right and proper companionship of youth with youth.

You can always tell a horse's age by his teeth—it's not the silver locks that count but the gold basis.

VENI, VIDI, ——.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Terms Explained:

Reader on "Up and Up"

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I was sure tickled when I took a gander at the letter of a jay calling himself CINEMA FAN in your elegant sheet, who wanted to get the low-down on "jitterbug" and "honky tonk." I guess he's one of them highbrows who think we gotta hand it to Bach and Beethoven instead of "Fats" Waller and Benny Goodman, and hasn't yet got wise to the Swinglish language, so I'll give him some dope on the level and set him on the up-and-up.

"Jitterbug" is simple; it's just another word for alligators or cats, who churn when the band gets in the groove. 'Course, you can't go it all the way when the boys are corny and play it straight, but when the brass gets hot and gives and gives 'til it goes out of the world, then you've got all the muggers in the centre making the big apple look like the itty bitty fishes trying to jam the flat foot floozie. Then the bull behind the set of traps smacks the hide and they break out jiving all over the town.

I hope that makes the matter clearer to CINEMA FAN. As regards "honky-tonk," (not "honky-tonky") there's a dozen ways of explaining it, but to put it simply, it's another way of saying "dive," "joint" or "hole."

On the other hand, you can *ad lib* while playing it sweet, but I don't go for that kind of stuff. Myself, I'm

STRICTLY SCHMALTZ.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Welsh Quotation:

And Its Meaning

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In answer to BREIZ's question relating to an inscription on a posy ring in Welsh, may I state that *Ycadarn Ar Cyfrwys* is to be translated as "The strong and cunning."

A WELSHMAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

The Firm and the Good

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent BREIZ I would offer the following translation to the quotation on his signet ring. The quotation should have read thus: "*Y Cadarn ar Cyfrwys.*" "Y Cadarn" means in English, the firm, in the sense of the established firmness of a mountain or of a rock. "Y Cyfrwys" is not quite as easy to define, in so much as in South Wales it has developed in colloquial meaning, becoming a term having a similar meaning to the English saying "Full of good works." So that in South Wales the quotation would stand for "The Firm and the Good"—in the senses that I have given. It is one of those quotations of four words that the Welsh language is so rich in, which are so expressive to the Welsh and yet do not bear translation with any justice to the original language. The same thing is true for the four character phrases in Chinese, equally rich in meaning, but not easily translated.

I believe that the original meaning of "Cyfrwys" is "dexterous."

SOSPAN FACH.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Sunday's Concert:

Repetition Wanted

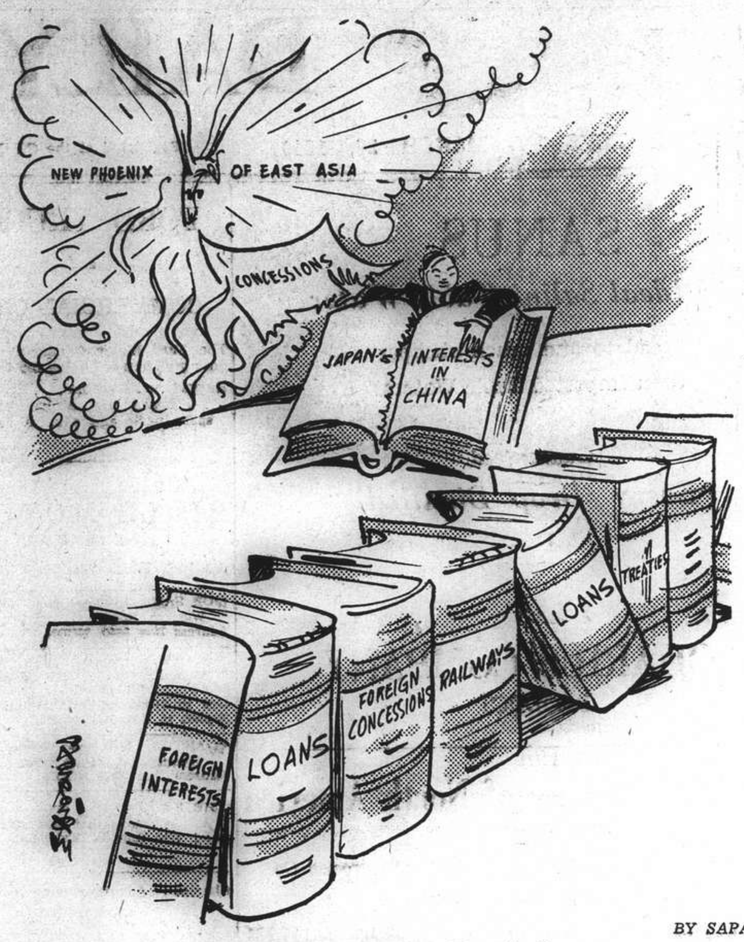
To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The bright spot of my week, when I am made to relax and forget the vagaries of our currency, is the Sunday afternoon concert of the Municipal Orchestra. Yesterday, Easter Sunday, I thought the entertainment that Maestro Paci provided, with the able assistance of the three massed choral societies and the beautiful singing of the four soloists, was of a standard that could not be excelled by the symphony orchestras of many of the largest cities in America and Europe. Perhaps I am over enthusiastic but the fact remains that the house was apparently completely sold out at enhanced prices a week in advance while the enthusiastic applause at the end of the concert attested to the pleasure of the listeners.

What I am leading up to in this letter, which I hope you will be so kind as to publish, is a suggestion that the concert be repeated next Sunday afternoon at the Grand Theatre if possible. Most of those who heard the concert last Sunday at the Lyceum would undoubtedly attend again to hear the performance in a theatre more suited to the volume of music that was poured forth, those who were disappointed over not getting tickets last Sunday would be compensated while the lower prices that might be charged owing to the greater seating capacity of the Grand would attract many other music lovers. The sacrifices the management of the Grand Theatre might be called on to make are fully appreciated.

MUSIC LOVER.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.



BY SAPAJOU

The Whole Library To Go?

The Easter Sunday Concert at Lyceum

Brilliant Performance by Municipal Orchestra and Choral Societies

A most impressive concert was given on Easter Sunday at the Lyceum, consisting of the last section of "Parsifal," and the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven in its entirety. The Municipal Orchestra was reinforced by the single efforts of four excellent soloists, and collectively by members of the Shanghai Choral Society, the Shangai Songsters and the Russian Choral Society. Presiding over the whole, and organizing the efforts of over 150 instrumentalists and singers, was Maestro Paci, who displayed his well-remembered ability to co-ordinate the output of soloists, choir and orchestra.

During the period of 1848 to 1853, Wagner wrote no music at all, but all the while there were stirring within him vast schemes. He was obsessed with the theme of Love, Renunciation and Redemption, which eventually formed the nucleus of the Parsifal subject. The section of "Parsifal" performed on Sunday was drawn from the last part of the work where Gurnemanz and Parsifal are on their way to the Castle to attend the death-rites of Titurel. There is first Parsifal's ecstatic song to the Forest and Field; and Gurnemanz assures him that the beauty and serenity is due to the magic of Good Friday, the day on which all creation rejoices in Christ's sacrifice and love. Woven into these sentiments is the lovely episode which is known in the concert room as the Good Friday magic music.

This music received a splendid interpretation by the orchestra. Shushlin, as Gurnemanz, and Slobodskoy, as Parsifal, displayed their recognized ability as singers, but the essential lyrical quality of the latter's voice was hardly heavy enough to stand up to some of the Wagnerian seas of sound. Perhaps this role requires one of the Heldentenors of the Wagner opera.

The chorus in this act of the opera, sung admirably by the three choirs, comes at the most exalted point, where the Spear is restored to Monsalvat by Parsifal, who takes over the office of King Amfortas as Custodian of the Knights Castle of the Grail containing the Holy Chalice and Spear.

The orchestral contribution throughout three movements of the Ninth Symphony fulfilled the major requirements of this difficult and exacting work. Particularly commendable was the manner in which the long and intricate slow movement was made to sound clear. Uneasiness of some of the rhythms in the first movement, slightly upsetting the linear spaciousness, and flatness of strings in the cherzo, may be mentioned.

The work of the our soloists, Ruth Fullam, Mary Stewart, Slobodskoy and Shushlin in the last movement, was beyond reproach, and that of the massed voices, excellent. As in former occasions, however, the male voices, particularly the tenors, failed to take their appointed place in the harmonic scheme of the whole in some of the more extended passages.

Maestro Paci and the performers received a prolonged ovation at the end of the concert.—H.

Japan-Siam Test Flights Completed

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

After completing three test flights between Canton and Bangkok as a preliminary to the inauguration of a regular air service between Tokyo and Thailand, the Japan Airways Company's tri-motored monoplane Tatsukaze returned to the International Airport at Haneda yesterday afternoon. The plane left Taihoku, Formosa, yesterday morning.

Test flights between Canton and Bangkok via a detour course 20 miles off the coast of French Indo-China were made on February 28, March 9 and March 19.—Domei.

Seiyukai Veterans Leave Party

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Six members of the orthodox faction of the Seiyukai Party withdrew from the organization today as another sequel to the expulsion of Mr. Takao Saito, former member of the Minseito party, from the Diet.

Mr. Saito early in February criticized the Konoye statement, the basis for the settlement of affairs in China, and was expelled from the Diet two weeks ago.—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 26, 1870

(Continued from yesterday)

Five hundred men were dispatched by land towards Shanghai and marched through the country which is now the favourite walk of energetic pedestrians, and which will perhaps, before many years, be covered with the villas, lodges, and cottages of foreign merchants. Meantime, the little army at Woosung had been reinforced by the arrival of eight transports with the 2nd Madras native infantry, and other troops. On the morning of the 19th, under the hot June sun the men embarked, and nine ships proceeded up the river. Amongst the officers was a captain who bore the well-known name of Keppel and who, seven years from the date was destined to display such exceptional vigour as to be rebuked by the Admiralty and eulogized by Lord Palmerston, and, 28 years later, to be pulled on board his flagship in a boat of which the second son of the Queen held the stroke oar. The fleet had no difficulty worth naming, in navigating the much abused stream which Admiral Parker, in a fit of pardonable enthusiasm called "this splendid river," and by 1.30 p.m. they had arrived within sight of the city. It probably looked very much as it looks now. The same grey walls surrounded the same collection of squalid houses, the Tea gardens, the boast and show of the city were undamaged by foreign violence. The rusty cumbrous guns that now lie dismounted amidst thick rank grass on the bastions, were ranged in batteries and opened a distant futile fire. The Squadron cast off the steamers and engaged, and on the discharge of two well directed broadsides from the North Star and Modeste the Chinese troops fled helter skelter, and Capt. Bouchier landed with the seamen and marines and took possession of the batteries. The troops disembarked from the steam vessels nearly at the same moment. The party that had marched up along the paddy fields from Woosung had already entered the city on the west side, but found no trace of the hectoring mandarins, for Taotais and Futais and all the train of buttoned and plumed had fled. A proof was afforded, however, even at that early day, that the foreigner was not dreaded by the mass of the people so much as by the official oppressors, for the Admiral's despatch notes that the "respectable inhabitants who did remain appeared to regard us with less apprehension than had been seen anywhere before." Four days afterwards, the squadron that had achieved this easy victory dropped down the river to the anchorage at Woosung and thus was Shanghai "lost and won."

Chinese Terrorists Arrested

Japanese Near Hangchow Claim Arrests

Hangchow, Mar. 25.

Arrest during the past month of 14 persons conducting anti-Japanese activities was announced here today.

Apprehension of 10 persons, believed to have been planning to assassinate pro-Japanese Chinese was effected by Japanese authorities at Kashing in northeastern Chekiang on March 13. Two of the gang were members of the Assassination Party, five were members of Information Department and three of the Anti-Japanese Self-Defence Corps of the "District Government of Haining" in northern Chekiang.

At Hangchow on Feb. 24, four men headed by Major Ting Sui-yen, attached to the 3rd battalion of the 1st Detachment of the Chekiang Anti-Japanese Self-Defence Corps, were arrested.

With headquarters at Lingkiachia, Major Ting was reported to have been destroying communication facilities. After a raid by Japanese authorities, Major Ting went to Santun, 17 kilometres north-west of Hangchow, and continued anti-Japanese activities, including the importation of rifles and rifle ammunition and hand grenades into Santun.—Domei.

Self-Government for Hongkong Internees

More Freedom in Camps For Chinese Advocated

Hongkong, Mar. 25.

As the result of an experiment lasting one and a half months, a system of self-government is likely to be permanently adopted in the internment camp for Chinese soldiers here.

The 740 inmates have a court of justice, a vigilance corps, Chinese and English schools, a library, singing classes, a theatre, a hospital, sanitary and hygiene organizations, a workshop, a garden, sports and competitions, and a hairdressing shop.

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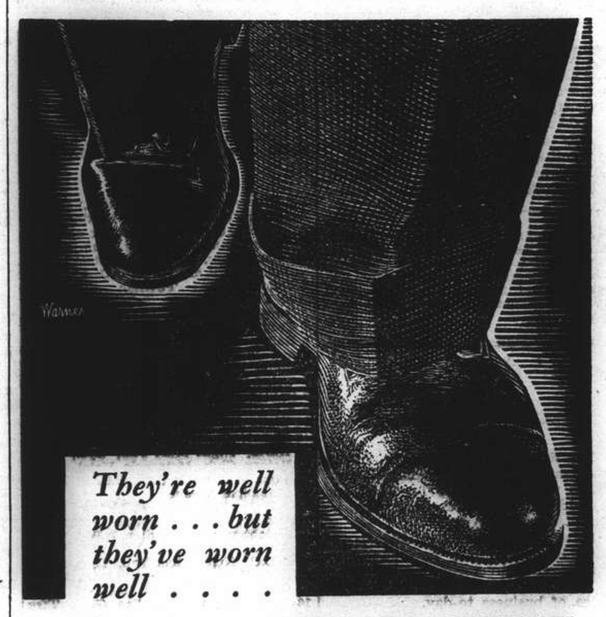
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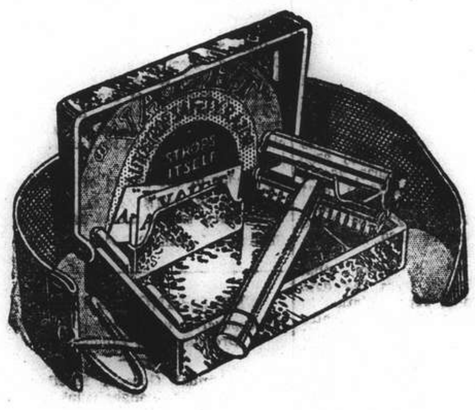
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Woman's Page

A MAYFAIR NOTEBOOK

By Philippa

London, Feb. 9.

Winter weather has wrought havoc among London's sandbags. Sandbagged buildings can never be a pretty sight, but with the canvas covers wearing threadbare and the sand trickling out over the already muddy pavements, many of them today are eyesores. Women artists have already done something to brighten the face of shops shuttered for protection against air-raids, for, as I mentioned a few weeks ago, West-End shop-keepers have commissioned them to paint attractive pictures on their shutters.

Only the high cost of timber has prevented the turning of Regent Street into a veritable picture gallery. It would have been if Miss Olga Lehmann, a mural painter, and Miss Jane Drew, an architect, could have had their way and decorated in cheerful paint all the air-raid sandbags and shelters in the street. The Regent Street Association to whom they submitted their scheme was delighted with it, but shook their heads over the prohibitive cost of materials.

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Four Shillings A Foot

Being a successful modern artist Miss Lehmann has no difficulty in showing her work to anyone who wants to see it. It is spread over numerous walls, in private houses and restaurants, in various parts of London and the suburbs. Her charges are 4s. a square foot for painting walls and her patrons have included a Norwegian who wanted his walls painted with whaling pictures taken from his own snapshots.

For £12 Miss Lehmann covered staircase walls with pictures of Greek temples and ruins; while, for a naval commander, she did other mural studies in a lighthearted vein. These were of a sailor and his girls throughout the ages. In a Soho restaurant, the artist's brush transformed wall panels into a series of "luxury" travel scenes, such as studies of winter sports, an Atlantic crossing, etc.

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The War Brings Changes

The war has put an end to luxuries of all kinds. Luxury clothes, holidays and sports are pleasures of the past. We realize this anew on learning that the Ascot race meeting for 1940 has been abandoned. The entries for the Ascot Gold Cup were published in the "Racing Calendar" last December. There were 31 nominations.

Again the war is responsible for the King's provisional decision to forego his usual spring visit to Windsor. Not only is the King anxious to be in town then and accessible to his Ministers, but Windsor Castle is considered too expensive to run in wartime with the Court in residence. Furthermore, there would be little room for the Royal family in the Castle, as a number of state apartments are occupied by officials evacuated from Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace.

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Debutantes' One Dance

With no Buckingham Palace Courts and no Ascot this year, the London Season will be almost non-existent, although one traditional function of a normal Season will be held as usual. The historic Queen Charlotte's Birthday Dinner, at which all the debutantes of the Season are wont to make their first grand social appearance, will offer our sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds a chance to air their first ball frocks.

Poor would-be debutantes of 1940, this is the one and only dance arranged for them. But the Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball will be all the gayer for this and guests may enjoy the glamour of the occasion knowing that it is helping forward the work of the Queen Charlotte hospital. The date of the ball is Leap Year Night itself—February 29.

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Another Pinafore Style

Kitchen uniforms have inspired fashions of today and tomorrow. In a recent dress collection mannequins glided across the stage, hands in the pockets of pleated aprons. These aprons were tied over printed dresses with slim, straight skirts. They were worn with little pointed bonnets, stuck on the back of the head. The new style of pinafore frock is another and similar economy dress idea which will especially appeal to the home dressmaker.

The "pinafore" is a contrasting panel which buttons on to the front of the dress and, incidentally, provides a splendid way of brightening up that frock you wore last year. The "pinafore" gives an old frock a distinct 1940 touch at the cost of just a shilling or two spent on remnants. Let us say you have a plain navy blue frock. On to this you could button a pinafore in red and white stripes. A waist belt is in plain red and the pinafore has a 4-inch hem of the stripes set horizontally to make a contrast from the vertical ones.

The bib of the pinny should reach to within an inch or so of the dress neckline. It should be cut in a straight line across the bodice and buttoned on to three well-spaced, large buttons. Make three or four darts just at the waistline, as this will give the necessary tapered effect there. The apron length is the same as the dress skirt length. If you are of average size, you will need one-third of a yard of material 40 inches wide, or half a yard of 36-inch material. In the latter case, you would have to cut a 6-inch wide strip off the edge of the material and use it to make a false hem to the pinafore.

This new economy style lends itself to all kinds of variations and charming colour schemes. Let collar, for instance, match pinafore and belt match dress. Over a dress of patterned cotton or silk, wear a plain coloured linen pinafore. As an accompaniment to a black frock, a plaid silk pinafore is a good suggestion. But there is no end to the variations you will be able to think out for yourself if the pinafore fashion appeals to you.

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From Joan Crawford's Cookery Book

Ingredients: 1 bag potato chips; sliced sweet pickles; American cheese; potted ham. Place thin layer of cheese on each chip. Cover with thin slices of sweet pickles and layer of potted ham. Place them in hot oven until cheese is melted. Allow them to cool until crisp, and serve. Or, prepare same hors d'œuvre with thin toast instead of potato chips.

New Envoy's Wife Spins a "Prop"

The wife of Major Richard Gardiner Casey, whose recent appointment to the post of Minister to the United States marks the first time an Australian will hold full diplomatic status in the capital of a foreign country, spins the "prop" on the Caseys' plane before taking her two children Jane and Donn and their friend for a joy ride. She, like her husband, is a qualified air pilot. The family is known as "The Flying Caseys."

Spring Hats Take Shape

New Ways With Ribbons And Flowers

Spring hats begin to make headway, and small shapes bring bright touches in ribbon and floral trimmings. Striped ribbon in black and white posed next red and white is used by Rose Valois on one of the new black silk straw pork-pie styles, somewhat similar to the puffed-out black felt of the autumn worn forward on the brow.

The ribbon is skilfully handled in a flat swathed-back movement, carried down from open top, where ends of the ribbon point up into two little ears near the front.

A very small pill-box is covered entirely with green leaves and heightened at one side by a couple of full-blown variegated pink and white camellias, while buds perch out at intervals midst the foliage.

Glistening green foliage rises above a tiny wreath of white gardenias trimming a miniature Alpine crown, tied round the base by red grosgrain. It is an elegant black silk straw shape with flat, short sailor brim, strengthened round edge by inch-wide turned-back straw border.

"Bleu de Finlande"

An elongated melon-sectioned head fitting makes the background for a becoming toque with big coal-scuttle rosette perched forward on the brow. This particular gros-grain model in "bleu de Finlande," resembling Wedgwood blue, shows the big open rosette faced inside by black gros-grain.

Line movements for little hats are featured in both off-pastel felts and Panama. They are from Louise Bourbon, who perches them forward from cache-peignes instead of elastic grips. They are well fitted and of tailored aspect, have stencil cut openings or scalloped borders finishing them off.

For America

Day ensembles designed primarily for the United States of America found approval with Englishwomen when shown for the first time. They are practical, in spotted or striped silk prints, and consist of either blouse and skirt, or frock, with coatee. Navy blue is the most popular choice, with spots or stripes, usually in white. Frocks are cut on straight lines, but jackets are much waisted.

Embroidery in stones or sequins is featured on many of the Hartnell evening gowns, which are of ground length and moulded to the figure. A very moderate V neck is a rare and only variation on high backs and fronts. White romaine is most frequently chosen, with embroidery in lime green, turquoise or aquamarine.

Easier waistlines for both jackets and dresses are reported by a Paris fashion correspondent, the latter marking a different turn from last season's fitted corsages that were exacting on all but perfect figures. Shirt-waist dresses are the new idea in woollens and silks, but, thanks to Bruyere, we are going to find the style looking less "chemisier" and more dressy because of semi fittings with skirts, either slanting vaguely or hanging completely straight in pleated effects.

Gloves Important

Gloves are extremely important in the Paris style picture for spring. Ilda, who creates glove fashions for all the leading couturiers, is sponsoring daytime gloves in two or three button lengths. They are slightly longer than they were last summer. Evening gloves must be long—from fourteen to twenty buttons—so that they wrinkle over the forearms in the newly accepted manner. Ilda's newest gloves are cut in one piece, achieving a marvel of glove "couture."

More white gloves will be worn this summer than for some time. Coloured gloves continue in favour. They appear in the new sun colours, such as Goya yellow and sunset red. Flower tints are also stressed for warm days, especially forget-me-not blues. There's a whole series of lovely new beiges. Pig, seal and peccary are the smartest skins for sports gloves. Suède, reindeer and antelope are liked for evening. To accompany spring tailleurs, Ilda is making gay handknitted Scotch plaid gloves in mercerized cotton or fine wool.

Large Town Bags

New handbags continue to get larger. Lelong has a stunning large tailored bag of the envelope type in russet boxcalf. It is fastened under a large round stitched leather frame in which is a transparent cellulose pane. This cover also serves as a pocket for a pair of gray antelope gloves. Original handbags complete many of Balenciaga's new creations. Though huge, they are excessively feminine. Other bags featured are of leather hand-embroidered in silk. Still others include a sewing-bag type of supple fried-onion-tinted box. The top edges, which are knotted like a kerchief when closed, are hand-scalloped in vivid blue. A giant pochette of snowy white seal is embroidered in a splashy all-over design of navy silk flowers. Large envelopes for summer evening wear are made of the dress fabric and trimmed with tiny ruffles.

The coloured hand-knit stockings which American girls have been wearing with sports togs have crashed Paris town fashions in hordes. Schiaparelli launched them tentatively for sports a couple of seasons ago. Now she is sponsoring them in lisle thread with printed summer frocks as well as with wool tailleurs. Maggy Rouff shows them in wool in all her new colours to accompany spring tweeds. Ilda is knitting them in either wool or mercerized cotton in plaids or white stars scattered over amusing patterns, as for example a sky-blue ground. Mme. Agnès was the first elegante to launch coloured wool stockings in Paris. She's been wearing them all winter with girlish low-heeled strap slippers.

Maggy Rouff is launching hand-knit gloves in dark tones to be worn over fragile light leather models as a protection. Marjorie Dunton has just designed a novel sports gauntlet which she calls "war dance." It is inspired by the fringed buckskin of American Indians. She makes it in the new bronze-tan leather and puts a wide fringe down the outside from the top to the tip of the little finger.

B. W. A.

Tuesday, Mar. 26.—Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon.

Wednesday, Mar. 27.—Executive Meeting 9.30 a.m. Red Cross Work 9 to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 4.45 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 28.—Bridge and Mahjongg Tea at Headquarters 3 p.m. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Friday, Mar. 29.—Badminton. Home and Garden Section Committee Meeting 10 a.m. at Mrs. Dumbarton's, Lane 222-A, 23 Hungjao Road. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road to noon.

Saturday, Mar. 30.—Badminton. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Monday, Apr. 1.—Badminton. Needlecraft Section at Mrs. Toeg's, 753 Yu Yuen Road, Flat 7-A, 2 p.m. Social Service Board at Headquarters 4.45 p.m.

Members and their friends who have booked tables for the Bridge and Mahjongg tea on Thursday are reminded to bring their own mahjongg sets and cards.

The Home and Garden Section Meeting set for Friday, March 29, has been cancelled. There will be a meeting of the Committee on that day at 10 a.m. at Mrs. Dumbarton's, Lane 222-A 23 Hungjao Road.

The Sports Section wish to remind members that the closing tournament of the season is scheduled to take place on April 8, and it is hoped as many as possible will reserve this date and make a special effort to take part. The next Committee Meeting will be held at Headquarters on April 2 at 10 a.m.

A. W. C. Notes

Tuesday, Mar. 26.—Bridge and mahjongg, 3 p.m. Fashion Show 4.30.

Friday, Mar. 29.—Three one-act plays, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 2.—Fashion Show, 4.30.

Tuesday, Apr. 9.—Talk and demonstration on making appetizers and fruit punch by Mrs. George Morris (to be held at the American School, 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, Apr. 16.—"Sketching through the Pei Hai" by Mrs. Dunlap, 4.30.

Tuesday, Apr. 23.—Music Department presents "Youth Programme," 4.30.

Tuesday, Apr. 30.—Bridge and Mahjongg, 3 p.m.

A Marrying Man

A soldier who has just appeared in a British court charged with having gone through a form of marriage with three women seems to have offered no such ingenious—or blatantly impudent—defence as did Jacques Notier, a soldier of Napoleon's Army, when put on trial for a similar offence. The charge against Notier, then aged twenty-seven, was that he had married three women within eight months, but, far from denying the charge, he pointed out that it was too limited in scope, for he had made a practice of "marrying" in every place where his regiment was stationed. As far as he could recollect, he said, and apart from the three women then in question and five from whom he had been divorced before he was eighteen, he had been united to fourteen Frenchwomen, one Italian, one Swiss, and two Dutch. To the best of his knowledge there had been at least one child born in each case, and he claimed that instead of being censured he was entitled to reward as a benefactor of the Republic. Apparently the judges took a similar view, for he escaped with a brief imprisonment and an instruction to return to his first wife. His appeal to be permitted to choose a permanent partner from the long list of claimants was, however, disallowed.

"Bombed" In A.R.P. Demonstration

Theoretical air raid in which the smoke only is authentic. The scene is in a big factory on the outskirts of London. Huge bombers wing overhead and drop their lethal loads. The A. R. P. immediately swings into action, taking care of the wounded.

Beware Of The Extravagance Of Economy!

Jolly Little Dodges Look Marvellous In Print But Won't Bear Analysis

"A little oil lamp with a weighted base can be bought for a few cents," someone tells me brightly, says a writer in "The Listener," "Left on the hall table, it saves switching on the light every time you go through." "What a good idea!" says Anne (she's very conscientious about economy schemes) "Let's get one." So we did. It cost a dollar, and we had to fill it with paraffin oil every other day. We stood it on the little table in the hall, and after a few days there was a round black soot mark on the ceiling, several rings on the table where the oil had fetched the polish off, and a dreadful smell of paraffin all over the place. Every time we opened the front door, the lamp blew out. Anne said, Yes it was a shame about the soot and the ring marks, but think of the money we were saving.

I said we had never worked it out—that if we did we should probably find we weren't saving anything at all, and she said, in a rather shocked sort of voice, that I ought not to say things like that, of course it saved money. It said so in the paper, and they wouldn't say a thing like that in the paper if it hadn't been worked out, would they? Well, to cut a long argument short, we did work it out, and we found that a twenty-five watt electric lamp, giving a much better light than this smelly oil contraption, would burn for forty hours continuously for practically nothing. so we solemnly and gladly threw the little oil lamp with the weighted base into the dustbin.

Spills and String

When I was a little boy, the favourite economy was paper spills. You made the container first; a cocoa tin with a bit of wallpaper stuck tastefully round it, and pink ribbon to hang it up by. Then you cut a newspaper into strips and twiddled the strips up into thin tubes with a flourish on the end, and they all stood in the tin which hung by the fire from a tack in the mantelshelf. My father used to offer me a ha'penny for making fifty, and mind I did not cut up today's paper or I should get a good hiding. A ha'penny for fifty! No wonder my childish mind brooded on the evils of sweated labour, and glorious revolution. And if my spills saved more than one penny box of matches in all the years I was making them, I should be surprised.

"Ah," you say, "but, many a mickle makes a muckle!" I don't believe it. Add all the spills I ever made to all the bits of string my grandfather saved, and what do you get for the endeavour of two lifetimes? Threepence. Did I say my grandfather saved bits of string? He did. And in the course of a long and active life he made a small fortune. But his fortune came from standing drinks and smoking cigars in the right company, and his bits of string, if placed end to end, would probably have equalled one twopenny ball—a nice, clean, tidy twopenny ball too—not dirty old second-hand scraps.

"They Manage These Things—"

We heard the other day that in France, where, as you know, these things are managed so much better, a favourite economy is not to use floor polish straight out of the tin but to thin it down with paraffin oil. Anne thought she'd like to try this, and she joyfully scooped out a chunk of lovely wax polish and began to mush it up with oil into a wet and sticky mess. "Try it under the mat first," I said, and she did, and it soaked into our beautiful golden oak boards and turned them brown. Some got spilt on the plaster, and the house began to take on that depressing smell it had when we were using the money-saving little brass lamp.

Mind you, I'm not saying this isn't a good idea—maybe we had the wrong polish or the wrong floor or something. I'm only saying how glad I was I told Anne to try it under the mat first.

And I'm not sneering at economy—I have to be frightfully economical myself these days—but some of these pleasant little money-saving dodges do want looking into. Like Anne's bright ideas for using up a tablespoonful of cold potatoes. They generally involve opening a tin of salmon, or melting half-a-pound of butter, or leaving the oven on for half a day. "It does seem wicked to waste them," she says sadly.

"So it does," I say and throw them ruthlessly in the dustbin.

In the Pink!

An Old-fashioned House

In my bedroom here there is an old-fashioned comfort that I find enjoyable — something of the "tender grace of a day that is dead." It is a bedroom that is a bedroom indeed. The furniture is solid and shining and ornate, brass-handled and gold-scrolled, a sort of spurious First Empire. The big brass bed could not possibly be turned into a divan by day, and the washstand is marble-topped and marble-backed. The draperies are pink—pink-spotted net curtains, longer pink casement curtains, pink eiderdown, pink pincushions. The ewer and basin are pink, and so are the little china figures on the mantel-piece. Inside a pink figured globe the gas flickers dubiously. The cover of my hot-water bag is pink and woolly; my blotter's cover is of pink linen.

Tessie, the housemaid, soft footed and soft spoken, taps on my door as the housemaids of last century used to do, bringing cans of hot water at suitable intervals. When I ask her to hand me my dressing jacket, which by a happy chance is pink, she says, "Yes, M'm," and not "Okay."

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At table the parlour-maid "hands round," but I sometimes, with shame, find myself stretching out an avid paw to take my plate from my hostess, so remote is my experience of Victorian amenities.

There are no convenient gas fires, with their nerve-shattering "plops," no electric fires that look so much warmer than they feel, but logs and coals that spurt in huge old-fashioned extravagant grates. Surely in some attic there must be the kind of bath, round and shallow, that was brought up of a morning to the Victorian nursery and placed in front of such fires as these?

Up in the sky one hears now and again the sinister chant of an aeroplane. But mostly, in these long light mornings, there is nothing beyond the impudent call of the cuckoo and the burr of the dove. Through pink net curtains I look out on small green spring-clad hills, and there is a foreground of pink where the apple orchards blossom by the old-fashioned cowled oasthouses and hop poles of Herefordshire.—C.C.F.

Feet First For Beauty

Your Feet Should Be As Pretty As Your Hands

Two well-groomed, pretty feet are what every woman should reveal when she takes off her shoes and stockings. And, as her feet are frequently on display during the warm months, they are worthy of a little attention now.

First remember that your feet consist of innumerable small bones, fitted into one another, as in sockets, and, unfortunately, many of us are suffering from the days when our feet were crammed into shoes which were either too small or not suitable for us.

Of all the ills that the foot is heir to, the most painful, frequent, and often very disfiguring, is corns.

And not only do corns disfigure the feet, but very frequently they age the face by helping to create lines and wrinkles which should not be there.

There are many kinds of corns, and a chiropodist can remove the worst corn without the slightest pain. If they have not yet reached the neglected stage, however, they can be treated at home.

Corns which come under the sole of the foot are usually called callouses. Sometimes they can be removed by first soaking the feet in hot water and then rubbing with pumice stone. After treatment powder with boracic and apply a little lint so that dye from the stocking will not enter the skin.

Beauty Treatment

After the feet have been washed, the cuticles around the toe-nails should be pushed back with the towel, and any small callouses which have been softened by the water should be rubbed away with an emery board. After the feet have been dried, apply a little cuticle remover to the hard skin and then rub it away with a hard towel.

Toe-nails should always be cut straight across. Cutting into the corners will lead to ingrown nails. After cutting the nails, smooth them down with the fine side of an emery board. This will prevent rough edges of the nails catching in silk stockings. And remember that stockings, as well as shoes, can cause corns. Wear stockings which are a good fit, and make sure that they do not fold up inside the shoe.

Busy Woman's Beauty

Necessity for Thorough Cleansing

We all know that keeping the skin clean is one of the most important rules of beauty culture. But when there is little time to spare there's a temptation to neglect it. The need for sleep seems more pressing than the need for removing make-up from the face.

But remember that nothing ages the complexion and destroys it more surely than indifferent cleaning.

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To be healthy, the skin must breathe. So let us consider some quick and effective ways of cleansing it.

If you are in your own home your best choice is cleansing milk. One, because it goes on easily. Two, because it penetrates right into the pores. And three, because it can be used for a greasy or a dry skin.

Often when you are feeling tired you will find that your complexion looks a bit drab. Several cleansing milks have a slightly bleaching effect to counteract this.

For speed I would suggest a two-in-one cream, which will cleanse and nourish, and help to prevent the tiny wrinkles which show so quickly in times of strain.

For really quick cleansing in the middle of the day, when you want to replace old make-up with fresh, cleansing pads are the best plan. These are saturated with a solution which removes old make-up instantly. They leave a surface which acts as a fresh foundation for powder.

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Should you be in some place where you find yourself without any of your usual preparations, a little pure clive oil or almond oil is an excellent substitute for cleansing. If your skin is greasy, follow this with a little eau-de-cologne diluted with water.

Mix a small quantity, damp a pad of cotton wool with it and wipe all over the face. It closes the pores, tones up the complexion and leaves it cool and fresh.

If a buttonhole is to be mended, begin by putting a little patch of tape on the underside. Then cut through the tape and work the buttonhole.

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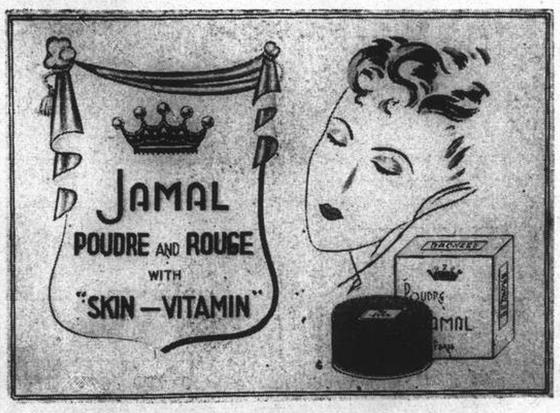

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Bagshot Establishes Himself As Champions' Contender

Scores Convincing Victory Over White Parade and Roehampton; San Carlo Wins Grand National Steeplechase

By "The Chaser"

BAGSHOT established himself as a strong contender for both the I.R.C. Champions next Saturday and the Spring Champions in May by scoring a convincing victory over White Parade and Roehampton, who were second and third, yesterday afternoon when the third day of the I.R.C. 28th Annual Race Meeting was held. Bagshot, carrying a 1 lb. penalty, came through the field with a magnificent burst of speed at the top of the straight to beat the formidable mud-larker, White Parade, by a length and a half, while his stable mate was only a head behind White Parade.

Night Express did not run up to expectations and although having a huge lead of nearly ten lengths at the back straight, was well beaten at the last quarter to finish nowhere. White Parade was the first to pass him and for a moment it seemed that the finish would be a "touch-and-go" struggle between him and Roehampton. Bagshot was lying third until the half-mile mark where he dropped back to join Roehampton at the rear of the field, but the moment he entered into the straight he came on again beautifully to pass the leaders to go on and win.

Fields were unusually small yesterday and forecast pools were held in every one of the thirteen events. A sensation was caused when the winning combination of Corps Cavalry and Flyaway in the B Section of the Easter Monday Handicap, the eleventh race, returned to each of their backers the colossal dividend of $3,214.40. It was indeed surprising for the combination to pay this huge dividend as the winner only paid $34.80 in the win pari-mutuel and, fully admitting that Flyaway did run disappointingly in his last outing, it will be remembered that he was up against good company a fortnight ago. The favourite in the race was Un-Un-Un who carried more than a third of the public's money but was unplaced.

San Carlo Reverses Opinions

A minor upset was scored in the I.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase when a little fancied pony in San Carlo reversed the opinion of all reputed tipsters to gallop to a magnificent and well-earned victory over Rye. After giving a splendid exhibition of steeplechase jumping, he passed Rye just before Morriss' Water Jump on the run-in to carry on and win by two lengths, while Going Slow, who was nearly six lengths away at the Monument Jump, spurted to lose second place by half a length to Rye.

The only casualty in the race was Duncan Fraser who was thrown from his mount Don Alfonso, when the pony slipped near the Monument Jump and Morriss' Water Jump the first time round, but luckily neither was hurt. Rye took the lead from the start with San Carlo on his heels and Sammy third a length away. The position was more or less unchanged until Sammy was jumping erratically and winded himself when he hit the Polo Ground Jump, and Going Slow passed him. San Carlo and Rye were several lengths ahead of Going Slow at the Monument Jump which they took as one, but a moment later San Carlo drew away to win.

Don Alfonso was started again two races later and gave Gram his first winning ride of the day when he triumphed over Houdini by a length, while China Clipper filled the remaining berth half a length away.

"Sonny" Gram's Four Wins

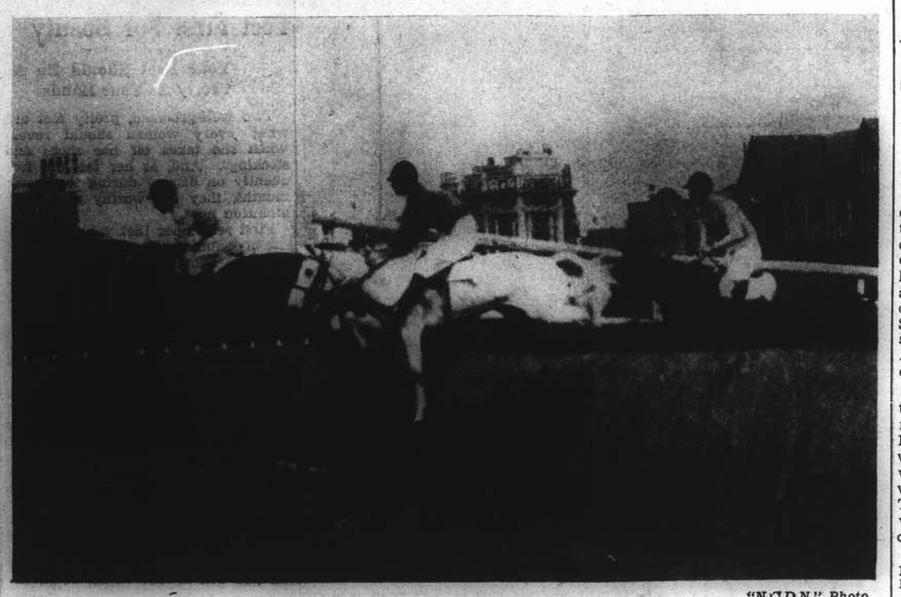
"Sonny" Gram was the leading rider of the day with a total of four wins while Alec White, who rode San Carlo, followed him with two. Alfred Noodt did well to win once and place twice out of three mounts. Among the Chinese jockeys who were successful yesterday were T. C. Woo, P. Y. Vong, A. C. Ching and Y. S. Chang who were credited with one win each. The Third All Comers Stakes was won by the favourite, Corporal, who with Pote-Hunt in the saddle romped home with five lengths to spare. Icylight was second and A Lovely Time third. Blue Star made the running until the half-mile mark where Corporal shot passed him to take a two-length lead. Icylight and A Lovely Time also passed Blue Star but could not come near Corporal when he answered Pote-Hunt's riding with terrific strides to win by five lengths. Many lengths separated Icylight from A Lovely Time.

Gram's second win was a dead-heat with Francis Noodt. The former rode Red Ike and the latter Tungstenlight. The pair entered the straight together and raced down the last quarter neck and neck and the verdict of dead-heat is indeed a fitting one.

Most Thrilling Finish

The most thrilling finish of the day however was that of the eleventh race in which the forecast pool paid the dividend of $3,214.40. The field was well bunched all the way round and at the last quarter it was anyone's race but Corps Cavalry, Flyaway and Doc drew away from the rest opposite the Stands to fight out a thrilling finish, and no one could tell the winner until the winning numbers were hoisted on the board and the verdict was a short-head between Corps Cavalry and Flyaway and a short head between Flyaway and Doc.

1.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("E" CLASS) (Section II). 11 furlongs.
Shenko late Rhein Fels (A. W. Buck) 147 P. Y. Vong 1
Ujadaire (John H.) 153 John H. Zia 2
Mistylight (Cire) 145 Gabor Renner 3
Also ran:—The Sketch (F. Noodt), Merry Lido (C. Y. Wong), Nearco (H. M. R. Hodgman), Charming Beauty (Y. N. Chow), Runninglight (V. A. Haimovitch).
Won by 1½ length; a neck.
Time, 3.04⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race S11. Winning Combination 3/6. Dividend $126.80.
Win, $22.60. Places, $7.20, $7.40, $7.40.
1A.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("E" CLASS) (Section I). furlongs.
White Sale (A. V. White) 152 A. A. White 1
Merchant Prince late Duke of Kent (Jim) 155 C. Encarnacao 2
Moonshine (Marin) 152 L. H. Wade 3
Also ran:—Lancia (P. Y. Vong), Jossray (T. C. Woo), Bouboule (S. Y. Sung), Dallington late Happy Fighter (C. Y. Wong).
Won by a neck; 5 lengths.
Time, 3.13⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race T11. Winning Combination 7/5. Dividend $299.40.
Win, $39.60. Places, $9.60, $7.20, $6.60.
2.—THE I.R.C. JOCKEY CUP. 11 furlongs.
Little Joe (Lawson) 152 T. C. Woo 1
Woodbridge (A. S. Henchman) 157 F. X. Diniz 2
Fancylight (Cire) 156 S. Wong 3
Also ran:—Smart Guy (L. Y. Liu), National Union (C. Y. Chiu).
Won by 2 lengths; 5 lengths.
Time, 3.10⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race F13. Winning Combination 1/4. Dividend $46.20.
3.—THE I.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. Twice Round.
San Carlo (E. H. Browne) 149 A. A. White 1
Rye (A. S. Henchman) 161 A. F. Clark 2
Going Slow (G. M. L.) 155 L. H. Wade 3
Also ran:—Steve Brodie (C. G. Jack), Don Alfonso (Duncan Fraser), Sammy (A. V. Striker), Tar Heel (J. L. Kay).
Won by 2 lengths; ½ length.
Forecast Pool Race U11. Winning Combination 1/5. Dividend $205.20.
Win, $65. Places, $9.60, $7.20, $7.60.
4.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("D" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Cord (Park) 151 A. C. Ching 1
The Avocet (Winsome & Hasty) 152 M. H. Feeney 2
Cherrybey (Douglas) 153 Capt. J. S. H. Douglas 3
Also ran:—Bienheim (Gabor Renner), Sunnylight (F. Noodt), Bonus (C. Encarnacao), White Crest (A. A. White), Dazara (R. D. Parkin), Hawaii Clipper (S. Y. Sung).
Sweep: (1) 201, (2) 825, (3) 319.
Unplaced: 548, 717, 1229, 208, 700, 1261.
Won by 1½ length; 1 length.
Time, 3.08 sec.
Forecast Pool Race Q8. Winning Combination 7/5. Dividend $159.20.
Win, $10.20. Places, $6.60, $15.80, $12.
5.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("C" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Don Alfonso (Anvil) 149 G. P. Gram 1
Houdini (Hunt) 152 A. A. White 2
China Clipper (San Hsin) 155 S. Y. Sung 3
Also ran:—Grumpy (T. C. Woo), Romford (R. D. Parkin), Second Thoughts (E. B. Cumine), Sandy (Gabor Renner), Port Bradda (E. Kermode).
Sweep: (1) 695, (2) 606, (3) 1286.
Unplaced: 661, 1363, 378, 207, 225.
Won by 1 length; ½ length.
Time, 3.09⅓ sec.
Forecast Pool Race V11. Winning Combination 8/3. Dividend $135.60.
Win, $18.20. Places, $10.80, $10.80, $27.20.
6.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("B" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Red Ike (Anvil) 150 G. P. Gram, D.H. 1
Tungstenlight (Cire) 155 F. Noodt, D.H. 1
Goldenray (M. K.) 149 T. C. Woo 3
Also ran:—Colorado Kid (R. H. Robertson), Fusilier (Gabor Renner), Port St. Mary (F. Marshall), Crimsonray (P. Y. Vong).
Sweep: (1) 1419, (2) 275, (3) 595.
Unplaced: 1248, 181, 1270, 361.
Won by dead heat; 3 lengths.
Time, 3.10⅞ sec.
Forecast Pool Race W11. Winning Combination 1/5, 5/1. Dividend $64.60, $72.
Win, $12.80, $16.20. Places, $8.20, $9.80, $13.40.
7.—THE KIANGWAN HANDICAP ("A" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Highland (J. S. Clark) 160 G. P. Gram 1
Stanmore (A. S. Henchman) 147 A. Noodt 2
Downside (A. H. George) 151 M. H. Feeney 3
Also ran:—Athenian Knight (F. Noodt), Off Chance (Capt. J. S. H. Douglas), Bombardment (Y. S. Chang), Mountaineer (P. Y. Vong).
Sweep: (1) 1263, (2) 652, (3) 1550.
Unplaced: 1339, 185, 1211, 1231.
Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths.
Time, 3.08⅓ sec.
Forecast Pool Race X11. Winning Combination 5/3. Dividend $111.60.
Win, $16. Places, $8, $9, $8.60.
8.—THE EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP ("B" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Honeymoon Gift (McLaurin) 157 G. P. Gram 1
Don Blanco (Whyteleafe) 157 A. Noodt 2
Mr. Bubbins (H.) 150 Gabor Renner 3
Also ran:—Bober (L. H. Wade), Central Park (A. C. Ching), Wintrylight (F. Noodt), Slow Motion (Y. S. Chang), Clunieburn (A. V. Striker), National Beauty late Beautiful Hall (P. Y. Vong).
Sweep: (1) 858, (2) 1412, (3) 795.
Unplaced: 266, 1508, 983, 606, 357, 115.
Won by a neck; 4 lengths.
Time, 3.04⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race R8. Winning Combination 6/1. Dividend $82.80.
Win, $17.80. Places, $8.60, $10.40, $28.
9.—THE EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP ("A" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Bagshot (A. S. Henchman) 156 A. Noodt 1
White Parade (A. V. White) 157 A. A. White 2
Roehampton (A. S. Henchman) 153 A. F. Clark 3
Also ran:—Flyinglight (F. Noodt), Night Express (Gabor Renner), Democratic Prince (C. Encarnacao), Ancient Ensign (A. C. Ching).
Sweep: (1) 208, (2) 709, (3) 330.
Unplaced: 1282, 571, 712, 57.
Won by 1½ length; a head.
Time, 3.02⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race Y11. Winning Combination 5/3. Dividend $57.40.
Win, $15.20. Places, $6, $6.20, $5.60.
10.—THE THIRD ALL COMERS STAKES. 9 furlongs.
Corporal (A) (A. Harman) 160 J. Pote-Hunt 1
Icylight (Z) (Cire) 150 F. Noodt 2
A Lovely Time (A) (A. Liang) 160 Y. S. Chang 3
Also ran:—Dorogaya (A) (M. M. Sokoloff), Blue Star (A) (A. F. Clark), Wychwood (A) (V. A. Haimovitch).
Sweep: (1) 80, (2) 461, (3) 718.
Unplaced: 1331, 211, 252.
Won by 5 lengths; many lengths.
Time, 2.10 sec.
Forecast Pool Race G13. Winning Combination 1/3. Dividend $38.20.
Win, $7.80. Places, $5.60, $7, $6.40.
11.—THE EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP ("C" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Corps Cavalry (Manx) 157 E. B. Cumine 1
Flyaway (W. M. Lewis) 148 Gabor Renner 2
Doc (R. H. McNair) 156 M. M. Sokoloff 3
Also ran:—Charming Swift (A. C. Ching), Black Pirate (V. L. Xavier), Bachelor Prince (C. Encarnacao), Iloilo late Claverton (G. P. Gram), Magic Eve (P. Y. Vong), Un-Un-Un (J. Pote-Hunt).
Sweep: (1) 1097, 1157. (3) 1050.
Unplaced: 1559, 1560, 1524, 1129, 1155, 1414.
Won by short head; short head.
Time, 3.10⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race S8. Winning Combination 5/6. Dividend $3214.40.
Win, $34.80. Places, $12.40, $24.40, $24.40.
12.—THE EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP ("D" CLASS). 11 furlongs.
Allway (Wise Co) 155 Y. S. Chang 1
Rigodon (G. J. Mary) 147 A. H. Laidlaw 2
White Birthday (Ovio) 150 V. L. Xavier 3
Also ran:—Merry Guy (T. C. Woo), Lord Lister (C. Encarnacao), Saintsbury (S. Wong), Goldie (P. Y. Vong), Kentucky late Bombardier (G. P. Gram), Brown Bomber (A. V. Striker).
Sweep: (1) 1022, (2) 1632, (3) 1745.
Unplaced: 1145, 1154, 1027, 1770, 1798, 11116.
Won by 1½ length 2 lengths.
Time, 3.07⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race T8. Winning Combination 6/7. Dividend $121.60.
Win, $18.20. Places, $8.60, $10.20, $12.20.



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I.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase

This event yesterday during the I.R.C. 28th Annual Race Meeting brought two "upsets." Firstly San Carlo was not thought capable of winning and Duncan Fraser was thrown by his poney near the Monument Jump.

Lido Take Skottowe Cup

Clube Lusitano Establish 4-1 Lead With 20 Minutes to Go; Chinese Tie; Win in Overtime

STAGING a magnificient rally rarely seen in local football annals, Lido once more proved invincible as they retained the Skottowe Cup for another year by defeating Clube Lusitano at the Canidrome before a howling crowd of appromixately 15,000 by 5-4, with play extended into an extra period of 30 minutes. The margin at half-time read 2-1 in favour of the Portuguese. Upon the resumption the ultimate losers added two more to gain an advantage of 4-1. But the Cup holders suddenly began a splurge and reached a tie at the end of the regular time.

Lido's victory was made all the more brilliant as they played with only ten men after the first 20 minutes. The Clube notched up two grand goals before Z. Z. Tsaing, right half-back, was given "marching orders" for dangerous play. The feeling was prevalent among those present that the Clube eleven, who finished last in the S.F.A. League, were headed for an upset.

All the way in the first half the Portuguese put up a beautiful performance and held their opponents in virtually every respect. Weakness on the right side of their defence spelled disaster for the clever outside-left of Lido, C. T. Tsao, succeeded in crashing his way through many times during the contest and coming back with three valuable goals, the first one to cut the margin down to 2-1 at the intermission, the second to equalize and the third to win the trophy.

Respect to the late Mr. W. T. Kao, President of the Lido Recreation Association, who met a most untimely death Friday before last, was paid by the two teams who observed a 1-minute silence prior to the start of the game.

Clube Kick Off

The Clube kicked off, but the ball was transferred to the other end immediately. Tsao showed early promise. With the fine assistance of Suen he centred two good ones. Hyui grounded wide and then Kiang drove straight to goal-keeper, Maurice Souza. The Portuguese custodian was kept busy, but he put up a splendid show and stopped every shot that came his way.

From a fast counter-attack "Tiger" Remedios robbed Lee of possession within the back area. Loh ran out of his charge and succeeded in stopping a fast ground shot with his foot. Later on, Luigi Rozario had the misfortune of heading a centre from B. Remedios against the cross-bar.

Aquino saved the Clube goal from falling as he robbed Hyui of the ball in the nick of time from point-blank range at the expense of an abortive corner. A few moments later Hyui dribbled past Marcal and shot. Goalie Souza went to his knees and picked the ball up.

Splendid Goal Made

In about the 18th minute Humberto Collaco broke loose from a speedy attack and beat Loh with a grand toe-kick into the top corner of the net. Lido struck back to no avail. Hyui twice tried shots which were unable to get past Souza. Loh also saved a header from Vasco Souza from a free kick taken by Costa in midfield. B. Remedios skinned the cross-bar from a centre by I. Remedios.

Collaco started a beautiful move, putting I. Remedios right in front of Lido's goal. The winger lost no time to shoot, slamming a powerful low drive into the far corner of the net and built up a 2-0 lead.

Shortly after the second goal, Tsiang was ordered off the field by referee Archie Sinclair. From the resultant kick-off Tsao carried the ball through the defence. The raid directed a low one which was well stopped by the goalie. Play moved to Lido's area. Loh stopped I. Remedios' shot and the ball went to Suen who immediately sent Tsao up again. The latter beat Aquino and then placed well out of Souza's reach, thereby making the score read 2-1.

Lusitano Increases Margin

Lusitano increased the margin a few minutes after the rest period when Vasco Souza beat the defenders with a beautiful header from a free-kick taken by B. Remedios. About ten minutes later a bad play on the part of L. K. Chang, right full-back, gave Souza the ball. The latter dribbled goalwards from the side. Loh went out to meet him, but the raider cleverly crossed into the centre for I. Remedios to drive into an empty net and gain a 4-1 lead.

By no means discouraged, Lido fought with determination, Lee put the team back to life by trapping a nice shot over the advancing goalie from a pass from Chang on the right wing. The ball lodged into the net and cut the margin down to 4-2.

Within five minutes Hyui carried the ball on a solo effort from the middle of the field. He eluded Marcal and centred right across the goal-mouth for Tsao to meet it with a first-timer. The shot had Maurice Souza completely beaten and the Chinese were only one goal behind with about fifteen more minutes left to play.

The crowd roared while Lido assumed pressure, bombarding the Clube goal from all angles. The ultimate losers were desperate and conceded several corners which almost resulted in two goals by half-back Nie and full-back Chang. Finally, Hyui scored from one of those corners with his back to the goal. The ball was hooked against the far post and rebounded into the net to knot the score in a tie of 4-all.

Trophy Presented

During the prolonged session Lido showed distinct superiority. Tsao countered the winning goal midway in the first fifteen minutes following fine team-work between himself, Suen and Lee. The eventual winners would have gained at least another pair of goals had it not been for the fine goal-keeping of Souza.

At the conclusion Mr. F. S. Bridges, President of the S.F.A., presented the trophy to the Chinese captain, K. S. Suen.

The teams were:—

Lido:—T. U. Loh, L. K. Chang, N. Z. Lee, Z. Z. Tsiang, N. L. Meng, Z. H. Nie, M. S. Chang, V. K. Hyui, Z. Kiang, K. S. Suen, C. T. Tsao.

Lusitano:—M. Souza, Aquino, Marcal, Silva, Costa, V. Souza, I. Remedios, Collaco, C. Remedios, L. Rozario, B. Remedios.

Girl Runner May Have Broken ½mile Record

Perth, Mar. 25.

Miss Betty Judge, at Perth, won the 880 yards championship of Western Australia in 2 min. 24.7 sec. which is claimed to be a world's record. She broke the State record by 3.8 sec., and the world's record by 1.9 sec.

The world's figures of 2 min. 6 sec. stands to the credit of Miss Lines, of Great Britain, the time being registered in 1922. Since that date women have rarely competed over such long distances.

Miss Judge's claim of 2 min. 24.7 sec. will have to receive official confirmation before being placed on the list of records.—Reuter

Gabriel Pascal, director-producer of the international hit, "Pygmalion," becomes a producer for United Artists under an exclusive three-year contract concluded recently with Murray Silverstone, head of world-wide operations of the company. By a lapse of hardly a week, it followed close on the heels of Mr. Silverstone's announcement of James Roosevelt as another independent producer for United Artists.

Fine Badminton at French Club

A. G. Meise in Superb Form Beats Hou; Mrs. Sinclair And L. Kew Enter Finals

Some excellent badminton was witnessed at the French Club courts yesterday evening when two more semi-finals were played off in the current Championships. In the Men's Singles match, A. G. Meise produced superb form to take the measure of the highly-rate S. C. Hou in straight sets. The other contest of the day was a thrilling duel in the Mixed Doubles as it took three sets for Mrs. Sinclair and L. Kew to eliminate Mrs. Maitland and Berents from the contest.

Meise entered the final through a convincing display of courtcraft and throughout his tussle with Hou, he was careful not to waste any points. In the first game, Meise emerged triumphant by 15-9 and encouraged by his success, he outplayed his rival for a straight-set victory, taking the second game by 15-8. Meise will now face William Fung for the title in the final.

The encounter between Mrs. Sinclair and Kew and Mrs. Maitland and Berents proved a hotly contest affair with the decision remaining in doubt until the very last minute. The winners went off to an excellent start to run away with the opening set with the loss of only seven points.

At this stage of the competition, Mrs. Maitland and Berents made a determined effort to even the terms and they just managed to succeed when they snatched a 17-14 game from their adversaries. The third game saw both teams struggling for supremacy with the score rising at a slow rate. With victory in sight, Mrs. Sinclair and Kew spurted to take the crucial game at 15-12 to enter the final where they will face the combination of Mrs. Burton and Meise.

East Surreys Trim S.R.C., 8-0

Losers Field Depleted Eleven and Londoners Dominate Entire Match

Playing against a depleted S.R.C. eleven, the Surreys had no difficulty to register an 8-0 victory at the Racecourse yesterday afternoon. A meagre crowd saw the Recs bested in absolutely every department of the game and the score is hardly the indication of the run of the play, for had the Surreys but been in better form, the score would have been much larger. As it is the soldiers threw many chances away with wild kicking.

The Londoners dominated the game throughout and the Recs' forwards rarely penetrated their half line. Favacho was the only one of the forwards who played like his old self, but with nobody to support him, the veteran footballer was completely lost. The absence of their regular goalie was another reason for the Recs' downfall.

Surreys:—Daniell; Arnold, Harrison, Paget, Jelly, Austin; Parr, McClarty, Kinsella, Roberts, Friday.

S.R.C.:—Brodd; Jack, Greenberg; Madar, Oppenheim, Symons; Favacho, A. England, H. England, Kapustin, Aldeguer.

From the opening whistle, the Surreys took the game under control and with the first goal scored in six minutes, they gave the Recs no chance to settle down and kept the ball in their territory.

Shooting Practice

This shooting practice may be summarized thus:—

Goal No. 1.—McClarty scored a beauty when he received a pass from Parr and beat the goalie with a high one into the upper corner of the net in the sixth minute.

Goal No. 2.—This one came from Roberts when the inside left was on the receiving end from Jelly. The Surreys' man beat Greenberg and gave Brodd no chance with a fast grounder four minutes after the first goal.

Goal No. 3.—Friday was the next to score exactly two minutes later, outrunning both Madar and Jack and placing the ball accurately beyond the Recs goalie's reach.

Goal No. 4.—This was the last goal in the first half. Kinsella ran in and received a well placed pass from Roberts just a few feet from the goal. With a strong shot into the upper corner of the net, the Surreys' centre forward increased the score to 4-0.

Goal No. 5.—The Surreys resumed their scoring in the eighteenth minute of the second session, the goal coming from Kinsella. Parr ran on the right and crossed for the centre-forward to head the leather past the outstretched hands of Brodd.

Coal No. 6.—Friday scored the sixth goal from a pass by McClarty two minutes later. The Recs made half-hearted efforts to fight back, but were easily checked by the opposing defence.

Goal No. 7.—Parr broke into the scoring column with a goal scored straight from a corner. The ball swerved and deceived Goalie completely.

Goal No. 8.—Kinsella brought the score to 8-0 for the Surreys with a header from a centre by Parr in the 28th minute.

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Two Team Records In Ten Pins

Yankee Consuls Trimming Accountants Set 3-Game High of 3,154; Single 1,101

Establishing two new team records, the Yankee Consuls scored a big upset over the Accountants, hitherto leaders in the Hardwood Section of the Commercial Ten Pins (Handicap) League, at the Columbia Country Club alleys in the fourth week's play of the competition last night. The Consuls won all three games with a 3-game total of 3,154. They countered 1,101 pins in the second string.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, by defeating the formidable Press team by the odd game in three now hold the spotlight in the Hardwood Section, leading with a record of eight wins and four losses. Four teams were tied for second place, each having seven wins and five losses.

Communications took the measure of Insurance in a fight for leadership in the Softwood Section. The former won by the odd game in three after a very hard struggle. The Second Battalion Marines scored a 3-0 victory over Transportation while Telephone beat the Texaco Stars by 2-1 to cause a triple tie for second place between Insurance, Second Marines and Telephone. Like the standing in the other section, the three teams deadlocking for second place each have seven wins and five losses.

Roles of the First Battalion Marines chalked up the highest triple of 559 while single honours went to Gonsalves of Insurance who netted 228. Uhlinger of Headquarters Marines ran a close second in the single with 223.

The Results

First Marines, 2				
Wells	182	156	176	514
Blais	137	—	203	340
Williams	176	133	—	309
Ashley	169	180	203	551
Roles	196	169	194	559
Krenciki	—	165	155	320
H'cap	97	110	109	316
	956	913	1,040	2,909
Headquarters Marines, 1				
Messersmith	145	180	115	440
Cone	138	—	—	138
Uhlinger	152	223	173	548
Fiori	155	168	171	494
Dolinsek	188	157	166	511
Brown	—	150	166	316
H'cap	96	108	108	312
	874	986	899	2,159
Second Marines, 3				
Boyle	131	—	148	279
Kolwyck	173	158	179	510
Winecoff	199	153	182	534
Livingston	169	170	170	509
Barten	162	108	—	270
Hansell	—	140	209	369
H'cap	108	120	118	346
	942	949	1,006	2,797
Transportation, 0				
Danzy	204	129	157	490
Farmer	146	103	147	396
Ross	123	123	147	393
Hubert	145	157	138	440
Elliot	140	130	193	463
H'cap	170	175	175	520
	928	817	957	2,702
Telephones, 2				
Cuthbert	175	183	147	505
Souter	169	140	179	488
Smith	151	183	144	478
Hartnett	135	167	159	461
Klovekorn	139	146	168	453
H'cap	128	128	128	394
	897	947	925	2,769
Texaco Stars, 1				
Mayger	123	113	143	384
Drager	168	169	141	478
Worden	170	149	147	466
Cox	116	166	147	429
Krause	157	160	177	494
H'cap	165	165	165	495
	904	922	920	2,746
Chamber of Commerce, 2				
Huebner	158	165	170	493
Cullinan	136	187	151	474
Quinn	159	167	164	485
Clark	129	180	173	482
Gray	164	146	168	478
H'cap	112	112	112	336
	853	957	938	2,748
Press, 1				
Inwood	137	—	—	137
Howard	179	149	147	475
Ladd	176	128	177	481
Morang	175	137	124	436
Butler	171	153	196	520
Burton	—	152	150	302
H'cap	131	142	142	415
	969	861	936	2,766
Communications, 2				
Lambo	127	124	189	440
McClellan	165	167	152	484
Dwyer	166	131	145	442
Perry	167	147	143	457
James	189	189	146	524
H'cap	173	173	173	519
	987	931	948	2,866
Insurance, 1				
Blake	101	181	123	505
Hebel	173	150	160	483
Anderson	152	141	173	466
Hale	168	158	162	488
Gonsalves	155	228	163	546
H'cap	82	82	82	246
	936	940	863	2,739
Texaco Bears, 2				
Stock	172	136	154	462
Shoemaker	194	128	134	456
Thomson	157	149	146	450
Taylor	168	145	142	455
Foyn	122	166	172	460
H'cap	176	176	176	528
	989	900	924	2,813
Automobiles, 1				
Ricks	156	120	185	461
Gill	151	171	121	443
Manney	107	161	143	411
Huppman	136	158	157	445
Bourne	139	170	129	438
H'cap	174	174	174	522
	863	954	902	2,719
Yankee Consuls, 3				
Collins	222	170	164	556
Butrick	133	178	126	437
McFayden	188	193	139	520
Mulliner	155	172	160	487
Engdahl	160	167	164	491
H'cap	221	221	221	663
	1,078	1,101	974	3,154
Accountants, 0				
Maitland	151	170	158	479
Xavier	182	138	156	476
Watton	161	146	177	484
Eisenhut	157	137	151	446
Cochran	169	144	149	462
H'cap	96	96	96	288
	916	831	887	2,634

Challenger Moves Into Louis' Camp

Believes Change Sure Indication of Victory

Pompton Lakes, N.J., Mar. 24.

Champion Joe Louis moved out and challenger Johnny Paycheck moved right in. That's what happened at Dr. Joseph Bier's training camp where Paycheck, the diffing "brain Guy" from Chicago, established quarters recently in preparation for his title tilt with Louis at Madison Square Garden on Friday.

For nearly five years, winter and summer, Bomber Joe conditioned at Dr. Bier's farm. The old Revolutionary War house was his headquarters for every one of his eastern fights excepting his unfortunate first meeting with Max Schmeling. Joe shifted to Lakewood, N.J., for that engagement and got belted out by the German Dempsey.

Now Louis and his entourage have shifted again. This time to Greenwood Lake, N.Y. It seems that the Champion and his handlers had some disagreement with proprietor Bier.

Paycheck Optimistic

But Paycheck, the Illinois intellectual, says, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody some good. Louis' change to Greenwood Lake is a swell break for me. This was a lucky camp for Louis. He never lost a fight out of here. I have a hunch this camp will be lucky for me, too, and that Louis will wind up after Greenwood just as he did after Lakewood. Louis should know by this time that good training camps don't grow on trees, even if their names do have 'woods' in them."

The challenger, a fair-skinned, semi-bald chap who professes to be only 25 years old, is in good shape. He scales about 191 pounds now, two less than his fighting weight. Different from most fighters, Johnny puts on poundage when he moves into intensive training.—United Press.

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In one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen in Shanghai Lido defeated Clube Lusitano in the Skottowe Cup final at the Canidrome yesterday. Picture shows Clube forwards launching an attack. From left to right: Z. H. Nie, V. Souza, T. U. Loh and L. Rozario.

Membership of Kuomintang

Analysis Shows That Only Six Join Mr. Wang Ching-wei's New Central Government

Chungking, Mar. 25.

AFTER carefully verifying the complete list of members of the Central Executive and Central Control Committees of the Kuomintang, including reserve members, with high Kuomintang authorities, Reuter has discovered that out of a total of 260 members of the Central Executive and Central Control Committees, only six have joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei's new Central Government at Nanking.

The Kuomintang authorities point out that "these cold figures prove anything else, how absurd is the claim of Mr. Wang Ching-wei that he can represent the real Kuomintang, and also how little following he enjoys in this country today."

The list of members of the Central Executive and Central Control Committees compiled at the last meeting of the plenary session by two Kuomintang committees showed a total of 249 members, eleven having died.

The total number of members of the Central Executive and Central Control Committees of the Kuomintang should therefore be 238 members.

At the time of the last meeting of the Central Executive and Central Control Committees, there were 120 members of the Central Executive Committee, with 50 reserve members and 50 members of the Central Control Committee, with 29 reserve members.

Of 120 members of the Central Executive Committee, five have since died, leaving 115 members at present. Of the 115 members, three have joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Government, these being: Mr. Wang himself, Mr. Chow Fu-hai, and Mr. Chen Kung-po.

48 Reserve Members

There were, at the last meeting, fifty reserve members of the Central Executive Committee, but there are now only 48, two having since died. Out of the 48 reserve members, none have joined the new regime.

There were at the last meeting, 50 members of the Central Control Committee, but it has now 46 members, four having died. Of the 46 members, only two have joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei; Miss Chen Pi-chun (Mme Wang Ching-wei), and Mr. Chu Ming-yi.

During the meeting of the Central Executive and Central Committees referred to, there were 29 reserve members of the Central Control Committee, but there are at present 28 reserve members, one having died. Of the reserve members, only one has joined Mr. Wang, this being Mr. Pu Tung, a member of the Imperial Manchu household, and well-known for his Chinese operatic singing.

There are two other members who, although they have not joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei, have been expelled from the party.

One was a Mongolian member of the Central Control Committee, Mr. En Keh Pa Tu, who has gone to Manchoukuo.

The other was a reserve member of the Central Control Committee, Mr. Ho Shih-cheng, who, together with Mr. Chen Chung-fu, organized the new Kuomintang, which is now reorganized under the name of the new Tungminhui.

"Not in Agreement"

There are others who have joined Mr. Wang Ching-wei, but who persistently maintain that they are "not in agreement with the policy of Mr. Wang."

A high official of the Kuomintang claimed that when he met Mr. Chen Kung-po in Hongkong, he declared that he was not in agreement with Mr. Wang's policy. Mr. Chen was, however, known to have been associating with Mr. Wang "freely in efforts to delay the establishment of a puppet government under the Japanese. Also, if the puppet government was established, he would endeavour to restrict the activities of Mr. Wang and maintain contact with Chungking."—Reuter.

Why M. Molotov Did Not Go to Berlin

Swedish Pressman Gives Alleged Reasons

Stockholm, Mar. 25.

"Germany cannot count on Soviet Russia as an absolutely reliable ally who will support Germany throughout the war," declares the Moscow correspondent of the "Aftonbladet" in commenting on the announcement that M. Viacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, is not going to Berlin.

"It was considered," he continues, "that it would be a loss of prestige for Germany if Herr von Ribbentrop (German Foreign Minister) made a third journey to Moscow. Therefore, the Germans did everything in their power to persuade M. Molotov to visit Germany or Poland instead, but the Soviets refused."

The correspondent adds: "It is considered in the Kremlin that Germany needs Russia, but that Russia does not need Germany, and therefore it is thought more suitable that Herr von Ribbentrop should again visit Moscow."—Reuter.

Boycott Against Japan Urged

American Church Leaders Suggest Way to Develop True Balance in Orient

Philadelphia, Mar. 24.

A broader embargo on shipments to Japan, widened to include crude oil, trucks, scrap metal, and other crucial war materials was urged here by delegates of 23 religious denominations who met in a foreign relations seminar held as part of a national study conference sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches.

The conference also recommended that at the same time the government show its desire to be friendly to Japan by offering to conclude a new trade pact on an "average quota" basis under which sales of supplies to Japan would be cut to the average for 1921-31.

Proposals for a "constructive settlement" of the problem of the Far East, it was held, must provide for a China "strong enough to control her own affairs and destiny" and simultaneously for "a strong Japan no less in control of her own destiny."

Independent and Strong China

"A truly independent and strong China," said the resolution, "is essential if she is to avoid encroachments of Russia, of the western imperialisms, and of Japan. No indemnity for American losses in China or renewal of rights of a strictly commercial character, must be allowed to divert attention from this essential point."

"A prostrated Japan," the statement went on, "would inevitably invite encroachments from Russia and possibly retaliation from China. Japan's pressing economic problems and needs must be recognized and adequate provision must be made to meet them."

A suggestion that the Christian people of America be urged to participate in a voluntary boycott of Japanese goods was tabled. Signers of the statement included Mr. Richard Wood of the Friends Peace Committee; Mr. Linley Gordon of the Church Peace Union; Mr. J. Henry Carpenter of the Brooklyn Church Federation; Mr. James A. Crain, executive secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society, and Miss Dorothy Detzer of the National Committee of Church Women.—Havas.

"The Times" Comments On Nanking Regime

"Experiment Noted More With Interest Than Confidence"

London, Mar. 25.

Even the gravity of the situation in Europe cannot distract attention altogether from the important events taking place in the Far East, states an editorial in "The Times," referring to the establishment of the new Central Government on March 30.

After reviewing events which led up to the establishment of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's government, "The Times" says that it is doubtful whether the Japanese have agreed to give Mr. Wang full powers in the northern provinces.

The chief importance of the new administration is that by promising to recognize it, the Japanese Government has made a carefully planned peace move which they believe will completely change the situation. The grounds for their optimism, however, is not yet clear, the paper continues.

The Chungking Government has no intention of surrendering. It believes that it has enough munitions to carry on the struggle a long time, and the Japanese are not in a position to extend long lines of communication farther into the interior. More significant, is the fact that the National Government will still be able to levy and receive taxes from great parts of provinces nominally in Japanese hands.

All these circumstances must inspire doubts regarding the success of the experiment of establishing a new Nanking government between Tokyo and Chungking, and the experiment must be regarded here for the moment more with interest than confidence, the paper concludes.—Reuter.

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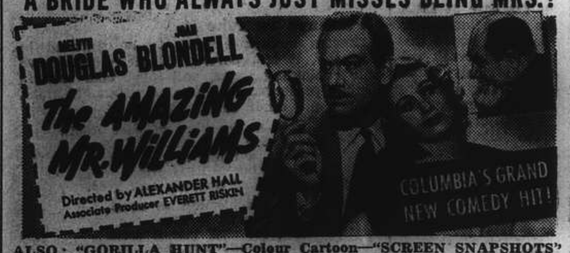

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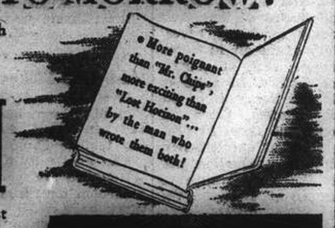

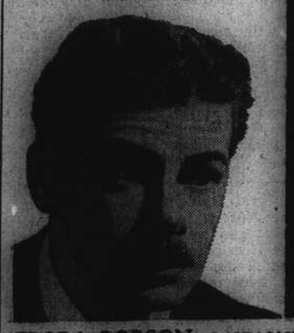

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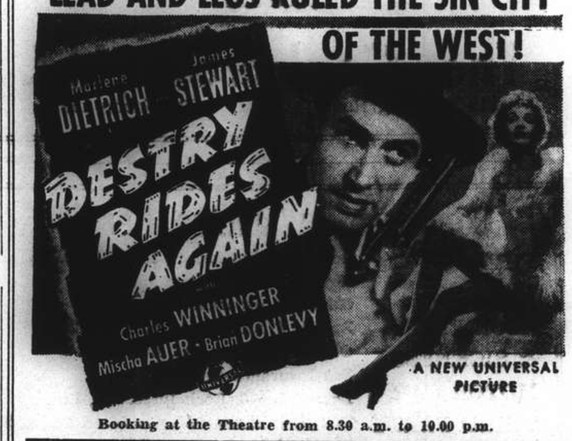

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

While neutral reporters on conditions in Germany profess to see signs of a certain decline in German civilian morale since the beginning of December, there is nothing whatever to suggest that the Germans will be prepared to accept defeat until conditions become very much worse than they are at present, or until they have received decisive reverses in the field. Hence of recent months the practice of horrifying the German populace with stories of the hideous peace which the victorious Allies would inflict upon them, allegations that the Reich would suffer political and economic destruction under a peace treaty even worse than that of Versailles. This does not serve to overcome the apathy, indifference and a dull patient resignation which are featured in reports considering internal conditions in the Reich. That there is fear that the home front will collapse in Germany is well known. It is strengthened by the knowledge that the home front is far less solid than during the early months of the last war, owing to a great extent to the fact that the Nazis have no fund of loyalty upon which they are able to draw in case of failure as had the imperial régime, for while there may be some degree of loyalty within the Nazi party itself, there is plenty of evidence available to show that the slowly rising tide of discontent against restrictions and repressions cannot possibly be kept under for ever by the use of the terroristic methods of the police and the Gestapo. Powerful as these weapons may be in normal times they are apt to lose much of their efficacy in conditions such as this war is bringing about. Dazzled by the spectacular destruction of Poland, buoyed with hopes of a similar short war with the Allies and as imposing a victory, there can be little doubt that the war was popular at the outset. Herr Hitler was giving his people victories. Since then he has given them nothing but a tissue of falsehoods, and the war drags on its weary course with nothing to comfort the people who were promised first that there would be no war, and then when it came, assured of speedy victory.

In this connection study of the speeches made by Field Marshal Goering on February 15, and Herr Hitler nine days later, is not without interest. Goering's speech was directed to the agricultural workers warning them that there were grave hours ahead, and promising no fewer than fourteen times that "Germany will never capitulate." The first was a warning that Germans must rise to the occasion and face privation with fortitude, the second designed to give an assurance that they would never again be asked to enter that period of misfortune which commenced in 1918. The Field Marshal did not have the hardihood to promise his listeners an early victory, but slipped in the telling question, "Is it in the interests of the people, on the other hand, to let matters slide, to allow everything to be eaten, and to be bare of supplies within two years?" If that question means anything it must surely be that with all she can produce herself, with all that she can obtain from her neighbours, and with all that she has stored away against the contingency of war, Germany, in Field Marshal Goering's eyes is capable of continuing the struggle under present conditions for no more than two years. It is significant that the German newspapers did not carry a report of the speech the next day, and that when they did it had been very extensively cut, probably because its general tenor was not sufficiently encouraging. The impression to be formed is that the speech was delivered not merely because of hardships, but because of open grumbling, which led the Nazis to put up their most popular figure in an endeavour to allay. Such a state of affairs is highly significant when conditions in Germany are remembered, and the fact that such a speech was made was official recognition of the existence of a condition which obviously needed correction. Openly expressed dissatisfaction, in a country where freedom of speech has long been denied the people, is much more imposing than it would be in a nation given greater liberty of self-expression.

Herr Hitler's speech was typical of the man. It contained the usual denunciations of Versailles, stupid abuse of the British Ministers and the customary glorification of party achievements. He will undoubtedly go on with the same type of orations until his hearers become completely nauseated, if only because of continuous repetition, and when that happens the game will be up. For the moment all this is designed for the purpose of keeping apathy at a distance, stimulating hatred of Britain as the author of all German woes, and presenting the Nazi as the deliverer from the past and the only possible guarantor for the future. But there is a negative quality about such methods which contains the seed of ultimate defeat. Of that the Nazis are well aware. They face the knowledge of the possibility of a slow inevitable collapse during a war which has nothing spectacular to appeal to the imagination of the masses, but which has to be conducted on the German side under conditions which can never be conducive of the best morale. Then there is the most significant passage in Herr Hitler's speech to be remembered. It was his closing sentence, the context of which, just as much as the manner of delivery, is of importance. It has been described by one London newspaper in the following terms:—

> The final outburst was remarkable and pathetic in its repetition. With a panting voice which had reached breaking point, Hitler again and again repeated: "It cannot be that my people goes down....it cannot be ....it cannot be."

Contrasted with this is the statement made by Mr. Neville Chamberlain a few hours previously, uttered in his strong confident voice, "We have no reason to fear the result of this struggle." It is a long step from voicing doubts to expressing apprehension, and it may of course only mean that Herr Hitler was straining after a little rhetorical effect, but the two speeches put together suggest a realization by the Nazi leaders themselves that all is not quite for the best, in theirs the best possible of worlds. It would be extremely unwise to expect that the day of collapse is rapidly approaching. The Germans may have to suffer a great deal more before that comes about, but there are straws in the wind to show which way it is blowing.

Bringing it Home

The report of the death of Mr. Peter Blix, a Norwegian who was drowned as a result of the ruthless and illegal Nazi campaign against all shipping, may probably bring home to many Shanghailanders the cruelty of war as waged by the followers of Herr Hitler to a degree that few other outrages could do. Peter Blix was a young man born in Shanghai, educated for the first part of his life in a Shanghai school, and later in England, who had nothing to do with the present quarrel between Germany, Britain, and France. But because the Germans wished to involve the neutrals, or to keep them from being involved on the other side, Peter Blix lost his life, along with a number of others whose names are not known in this city. To many who remember the last war, nothing brought the tragedy of the conflict so much home as the death of someone known to themselves. Stories of atrocities and the most poignant cartoons could not have half the effect of the news of the loss of a loved one or even an acquaintance, no matter how honourably that person died in the fighting. In this case, however, the lost man was not a combattant. He was a neutral, travelling on a neutral ship. And he was mercilessly made the victim of the Germans. All those who knew Peter Blix in Shanghai and admired his many qualities, and all those who knew him only on account of his exploits on the Rugby field, must join in condemnation of the strategy which caused his death. As in the last war, Germany has begun this one with the apparent idea that every nation must bow before the idea of invincible power. But the idea is wholly a German illusion. In the last war the German army was whipped in the field, despite the propaganda which would have the world believe that the military were stabbed in the back. To prove this there are many old soldiers in Shanghai who can tell stories of how the German troops "retreated" so rapidly at the last engagements of 1918 that they could not keep up. But so effective has been the propaganda of the Hitler régime that most of the world has forgotten that the Germans were forced to run away. It needs a reminder of the tactics of Germany in warfare, with the senseless slaying of neutrals, to bring the fact home that Germany is just as wide open to K.O. punches as the rest of the combattants—if not more so.

Muslims in India

At the opening of the 27th annual session of the All-India Muslim League on Friday, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, president, urged the division of India into autonomous national states, as being likely to contribute to a friendly settlement of the minorities question, "by reciprocal arrangements and adjustments between Muslim India and Hindu India." He made it quite clear that the League of which he is president would never accept any arrangement resulting in a Hindu majority in the Government, and uttered the grave warning that any repetition of such a Government could only lead to civil war and the raising of private armies. The only justification which the Hindus have for any claim to dominance in any Government which might be formed for India is that they are in fact the largest of the minorities, but against that there is the fact that if the other minorities are reckoned together they constitute a majority over the Hindus. Consequently not only is it inconceivable that the Hindus should be given predominance but that they should be given any greater power than any other of the various entities into which the population is divided. The prospect of civil war in India in the event of a complete surrender to Hindu demands is something which cannot be viewed with equanimity, though it may be taken for granted that the Muslims, the warrior class, would undoubtedly resort to arms if they fancied that their liberties were in any way threatened by the Hindus. The position adopted by the All-India Muslim League is supported by the attitude of the All-India States Muslim League, which insists that provinces in which there is a Muslim majority should be grouped into independent states with effective mandatory safeguards for minorities. The proposal seems reasonable enough, but it is unlikely that the Hindus will agree. They are out for complete power as they have been all along, and if they secure it continued trouble in India may be confidently expected.

Dartmoor Outbreak

The outbreak by the I.R.A. convicts in Dartmoor Prison on Saturday suggests that the practice of keeping these men together and segregated from the other prisoners is not after all the wisest one. These men kept thus to themselves are able to plot trouble without any very great check being maintained over them, while if they were treated just the same as any other prisoner, forced to mix with the others on precisely the same footing, the chances of their being able to stir up trouble would be greatly reduced. Too much appears to be made of the claim that they are political prisoners. They are in fact nothing of the kind. It is true that for what they conceive to be political reasons they have broken the laws of Great Britain, but their political beliefs cannot be held to justify their actions, and once they have been convicted they should be dealt with in exactly the same manner as any other man sent to jail to purge his offences. That course was followed in the case of the two I.R.A. men sentenced to death for murder and duly executed. Strenuous efforts were made to secure a reprieve for them, and even Mr. de Valera did his utmost for the men, but the British Government took the view, and rightly so, that these bombings, and the like which lead to the deaths of innocent people, have to be dealt with in the only way possible, namely by allowing the law to take its proper course. The same should surely apply in the case of I.R.A. members convicted of crimes less heinous only in the matter of degree. It is to be hoped that these men involved in Saturday's outbreak will receive the punishment they so richly merit, for by their action they were not only breaking prison rules, but were following a course which might have led to the deaths or injury of some of their fellow convicts in the jail. That, and their dispersal through the various jails of the country, taking great care that they shall be unable to form a bloc as they appear to have done at Dartmoor, can be the only safe guarantee that they will be obliged for the future to mend their manners.

Air Comparisons

Aviation developments illustrated by increased activity last week and the request of the Allies to purchase duplicates of the latest American high speed army machines reveal the efforts to obtain mastery of the air in which superior design, performance, and, of course, production, are important factors. In spite of the vast improvements in the last year or so, or even the past few months, there are thousands of machines, once the finest in production, now entering a state of obsolescence, and the fastest models now in production will suffer the same fate in the near future as mechanical standards improve. Between the last war and the present the difference in machines and performances has been remarkable and probably represents the difference between existing types and the super-productions of the future. One of the first British aircraft types to come into operation on the Western front in the last war was the B.E. 2—beloved of all Royal Flying pilots. It had a 70 h.p. Renault engine giving it a top speed of 70 miles an hour with a climb of 360 feet a minute. It performed marvels judged by those times. Geoffrey de Havilland established a height record of 10,560 feet in it, and Captain (now Air Vice Marshal Sir) C. A. H. Longcroft flew from Montrose to Farnborough, a distance of 450 miles, in 7 hours 40 minutes. It was only last year that in an ordinary service type Hawker Hurricane, used for comparison, that a pilot flew from Edinburgh to London in an hour and returned to Edinburgh for tea. The present Hurricane has five times the speed of the B.E. 2, a surface ceiling of at least 30,000 feet, has an engine fifteen times as powerful and climbs seven times as fast as this former pride of the Royal Flying Corps. Equally as striking is the contrast in armament. A rifle, revolver or shot gun was the veteran's only armament: the Hurricane carries eight Browning guns fitted in the wings with a combined fire-power of 9,000 rounds a minute. These are comparisons worth bearing in mind when considering the vast strides in military aviation—an arm which the Italian Air Minister recently declared would decide the war in Europe.

NEW EYES FOR MARS

Radio Transmits Maps in Secrecy

When President Roosevelt was on his latest cruise with the Navy, he received each morning an illustrated facsimile newspaper radioed from New York. That was a Navy stunt to familiarize the Commander-in-Chief with a new communications medium that in Europe has already done efficient war service. Radio facsimile will send a map, or a picture, or signed orders over any wave length by radio or telephone circuit. Distance is no limitation, for wherever ordinary radio signals will go, so can facsimile. Facsimile's real advantage, however, is absolute secrecy of transmission without resort to clumsy and complicated codes.

The inspiration to make facsimile, in addition to its peacetime uses, a practical wartime instrument derived directly from a study of the Battle of Jutland by Lieut. W. G. H. Finch, a young English-born communications engineer in the American Navy. He found in every phase of that terrifying fleet action appalling evidence of the inadequacy of ordinary radio communication. Had Admiral Jellicoe, on the night following that 1916 engagement, known and been able to record on his chart all the facts gathered by his destroyer leaders concerning the course of the German ships, he could have utterly destroyed the Kaiser's High Seas Fleet. Lieut. Finch determined that, if Uncle Sam ever closed battle forces with an enemy in the future, there would be a moving, up-to-the-minute chart on every ship to keep pace with battle changes, so that in the heat of combat every manœuvre could be plotted with accuracy.

Practical Instrument Developed

With this in mind, Lieut. Finch turned to radio facsimile in 1921, when that art was still in the laboratory stage. After years of persistent work—hampered by thievery and espionage—he finally turned out a practical instrument, the latest developments of which have been financed by the United States government. Facsimile units now undergoing field tests for military usage are approximately typewriter size and weigh less than 25 pounds. Each unit is both receiver and transmitter. Out from the receiver roll pictures 8½ by 7 inches.

Absolute secrecy in transmission is obtained by a device which delicately synchronizes sending and receiving sets. Imagine two small drums, miles apart, revolving at the same speed without a thousandth of a second variation. Every time the transmitting drum makes one exact revolution it sends out by radio a distinctive synchronizing tone, and that tone travelling by radio controls each revolution of the receiving drum. No receiving machine can pick up more than indecipherable lines, unless it is set upon that particular frequency or pitch. And if all friendly machines change tone and wave length, say, every fifteen minutes by prearrangement, an enemy wouldn't have a chance of hitting on the proper frequency.

Of special interest to the General Staffs is facsimile air reconnaissance. Heretofore the great problem has been not to get information but to bring it back intact. Now, during hazardous reconnaissance raids, observers may send back a steady stream of notated maps or photographs developed in the plane right up to the second they're shot down behind the enemy's line.

IN PARENTHESIS

Vengeance

BILLY was doing his first bit of fishing. He fished for ten minutes and pulled the bait out of the water as many times.

Next time he pulled it out he held the worm up and, wagging his finger to it, said:—

"Nah look 'ere worm. If you don't git somefing this time I won't drahn yer'. I'll bury yer alive."

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Good Grounds

A MEDICAL man, going over an asylum, came upon a lady in whose case he was interested.

"How are you, Mrs. Hitler?" he inquired.

"My name's Mrs. Napoleon," she retorted.

"But last week," recalled the doctor, "you told me you were Mrs. Hitler."

"Yes," she said, "but I got a divorce from him on the grounds of insanity!"

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Up-To-Date

WHILE watching the film, "The Mind of Mr. Reeder" at a local picture house a five-year-old boy was observing a discreet silence as instructed by his mother.

During the scene when one of the counterfeit gang leaders was seen hastily packing to leave the country, he had donned his hat and coat, and was taking a last look round, when the boy suddenly exclaimed in a loud voice: "Don't forget your gas mask."

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Chummy

TROOPS were under canvas near a Lancashire village, and one of them has fallen in love with one of the local girls.

The girl's mother, wishing to give the lads a treat, made them a large potato pie for supper.

The soldier-lover, returning with this to camp, late at night, was spotted by the sentry trying to creep through the hedge.

In the semi-darkness Tommy spied a figure on the other side and called: "Hey, chum, hold this pie. Here's the——guard."

"Chum" obliged, and held the pie while the soldier scrambled through the hedge.

"Thanks," he gasped, as he took over the pie, and looking up he found that "Chum" was the colonel. Being a sport the colonel smiled and walked away.

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He'll Have To Take It

CERTAIN medicines have to be rationed in Germany, it is reported. Doctors must give none containing sugar, and must take care in issuing prescriptions containing fats, bismuth, alcohol and other curatives.

We're a pain in the neck of poor Adolf,
We give him a headache each day.
We're a thorn in his side,
We've buckled his pride
And turned the old forelock dark grey.

He can't get his bismuth as usual,
His ration of spirit is short,
And the stuff that is meet
For chronic cold feet
Is not to be stolen or bought.

But the medicine he needs is forth-coming,
Prescribed with professional skill—
And won't that boy holler
When he has to swaller
The ultimate sugarless pill!

—H. R. in the "Daily Herald."

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Film Girl Makes History

"NOTHING could be more simple and homely than Miss ——'s bathroom. There each morning at seven o'clock, she bathes, gargles, and cleans her teeth."—From a film article.

The exotic little eccentric!

Now we always use our simple and homely bathroom for mending punctures in our bicycle tyres:

First we suspend the bicycle from the ceiling with the cord of our dressing-gown and then we lay flat on our back in the bath and lever off the tyre with our tooth-brush. We then hold the inner tube under the tap to see if we can detect any bubbles of air escaping, and, if we can, we plug up the hole with soap.

When we feel like bathing we always go into the scullery and sit in the sink, gargling like a mad thing and cleaning our teeth with Gigolux, the perfect pot scourer.

—Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

Two H.M. Submarines Sink Nazi Vessel

Captain Taken Prisoner; Crew Given Fifteen Minutes to Leave; Norwegian Admiralty Issues Statement on Royal Navy's Activity Off Coasts

Copenhagen, Mar. 25.

ANOTHER German steamer, the Edmund Hugo Stinnes IV (2,189 tons), was reported to be en route from a Danish harbour, when she was stopped by two submarines. They fired warning shots, but the steamer did not stop until a fourth shell penetrated the ship, wounding the second officer and steward. British sailors then immediately boarded the vessel, took the captain as a prisoner, and gave the crew fifteen minutes to leave. The ship was then sunk.—Reuter.

Norwegian Admiralty Issues Statement

Oslo, Mar. 25.

That a German trawler at Hustadviken reported she had been threatened by a British destroyer in Norwegian territorial waters, on March 21, was contained in a statement made by the Norwegian Admiralty yesterday. On the same day, the statement continued, a German cargo boat was being escorted by a Norwegian torpedo-boat across Hustadviken when a British destroyer signalled, asking the name of the steamer. The torpedo-boat then obtained the withdrawal of the destroyer from Norwegian territorial waters.

The Norwegian Legation in London has been instructed to file a protest in this connection.

On March 22, the statement added, a British destroyer tried to stop a German ship in Norwegian territorial waters near Obrested. This case is being investigated by the Norwegian authorities.—Reuter.

No New Demarche Made

London, Mar. 25.

Reuter learns that no representations concerning allegations of British infringement of Norwegian neutrality have been received through the Norwegian Legation in London since last week.

Prior to the end of last week, representations were received at the Foreign Office, which were concerned in the main with alleged cases of infringement of Norwegian neutrality by British aircraft. Those representations are now subject to investigations by the appropriate British authorities.

Reuter understands that Norwegian representations were received about Thursday last. Alleged activities by British ships played some part in these representations, but the main contentions hinged upon aerial activities.—Reuter.

French Endorse Naval Action

Paris, Mar. 25.

The importance of British naval activity off the Scandinavian coast is emphasized in French naval circles, where it is described as a systematic operation designed to cut Germany's route for the importation of Swedish iron ore.—Reuter.

Seven Hurt as Den Is Bombed

Missile Explodes Under Table at Yu Yuen Road Gambling Casino

Five men and two women, all Chinese, were wounded shortly after 10 o'clock last night when a bomb exploded in the Yu Yuen gambling den, a large badlands resort situated in Pingwo Road on the now filled-in creek west of Avenue Haig, between Yu Yuen Road and Bubbling Well Road. Two of the men injured are in a serious condition with various injuries. All are being treated at the Chinese Red Cross Hospital, Avenue Haig.

The bomb exploded while scores of Chinese were crowding round a table at which a "hwa chi" game was in progress. The explosive had been placed under the table by an unidentified person and it burst creating havoc in the congested room. The table was splintered and the furniture of the room generally was wrecked. A panic caused patrons to stampede for the exits.

A motor car belonging to the establishment took the seven casualties to hospital. The gambling casino is situated in territory under the control of the "Special Municipality" police and is one of the many which were to have been closed on March 1, according to original announcement by the authorities.

Turkey Will Fulfil All Engagements

Pledges to Allies and Balkan States Affirmed

London, Mar. 25.

That Turkey will fulfil scrupulously all her engagements towards the Allies and the Balkan states was stressed once again in Ankara yesterday by M. Sukru Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in an interview with a correspondent of the "Daily Express."

He expressed satisfaction at the steady arrival of arms from Britain and France which, he said was remarkable as both these states were at war.

M. Sarajoglu, like many other Turkish officials, does not believe that the European conflict would extend either to the Balkans or the Near East, unless Germany, Italy, and Soviet Russia, either alone or together, should decide to seize or dismember the Balkan states.

"That would mean war," M. Sarajoglu emphasized, "and once war breaks out here it will not be localized."

He stressed, however, that Turkey would do nothing to provoke an armed conflict in the Balkans, but is nevertheless determined to defend her own security and independence.—Havas.

New Deal Policies Facing Attack

Trade Policy, Silver Buying Come Under Senate Review

Washington, Mar. 25.

Congress neared the session halfway mark today as the "New Deal" trade, monetary and labour policies faced a blistering attack and legislators feared threats of new taxes because of the collapse of the economy drive.

The Senate was expected to spend all this week or ten days debating the resolution to extend the reciprocal trade treaty Act for three years. Later, Senator Johnson G. Townsend, Republican of Delaware, will demand consideration of his bill to end compulsory purchases by the Government of foreign silver.—United Press.

Two Germans Captured On West Front

Paris, Mar. 25.

Two German prisoners were captured last night by a French patrol, but apart from this bit of action it was all quiet on the western front, the official communique said today.—United Press.

German Communique

Berlin, Mar. 25.

Near Zweibruecken a French reconnaissance plane was shot down today by German pursuit planes patrolling the western frontier, according to the German High Command communique. The German air force, it adds, continued reconnaissance flight over France, but the day passed quietly in the west.—Reuter.

French Premier Will Broadcast to Nation

Paris, Mar. 25.

M. Paul Reynaud, the new French Premier, will broadcast an address to the nation over the French wireless at 7 p.m., G.M.T. tomorrow (Shanghai time, 3 a.m. Wednesday).—Reuter.

New Kind of German Torpedo Examined

British Admiralty Studying Novelty of Mine Warfare

London, Mar. 25.

Admiralty experts are at present examining a new type of German torpedo, one of which was found washed upon beach at a point four miles south of Bridlington. It is believed that this torpedo was dropped from a German seaplane about eight days ago.

It is about twelve feet long and has two propellers. On its nose is a picture of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, carrying an umbrella.

According to experts, this torpedo serves a double purpose. If it fails to hit its objective, it becomes a floating mine and explodes upon being struck. This is the first time that this new type of torpedo has been found in England.—Havas.

Senator Taft Criticizes President Roosevelt

Danville, Ky., Mar. 25.

Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio who is seeking the Republican Presidential nomination, today criticized President Roosevelt for what he deemed to be failure to carry out wholeheartedly the desire of the American people to stay out of war.—United Press.

Danube Re-opened For Navigation

Rome, Mar. 25.

Several Italian freighters are expected shortly at Galatz, Rumanian port on the Danube, to resume shipments of grain and wood. The Danube is now completely free from ice from Braila down to its estuary, and has been reopened for navigation in its lower reaches.—Reuter.

Shanghai Cut Off from U.S., Europe Radio

Sun Spots Temporarily Disrupt World Wireless Communication Contact

Earth currents attributed to sun spots crippled communications throughout the world on Sunday evening and yesterday morning, causing losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to a United Press message from New York, and enquiries made from wireless firms locally revealed that Shanghai was virtually unable to send or receive messages between midnight on Sunday and noon yesterday, although conditions were somewhat better between 5.30 and 7.30 a.m. yesterday, subsequently deteriorating until noon, when normal operations were again resumed.

Broadcast networks in the United States were forced to suspend operations for several short periods, the United Press message continued, and the earth currents were most severe East of the Mississippi River in the United States, diminishing toward the West.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. reported that conditions were the worst since a similar phenomenon in 1907. Earth currents in Boston measured 400 volts, in Milwaukee 450 volts and in St. Louis, 750 volts.

Meanwhile, reports United Press, Harvard University's astrophysicist, Dr. Donald Howard Mentzel, believed that the electrical disturbances were without doubt of polar origin. He said the sun spots had just completed an eleven-year cycle, reaching maxima.

While experts in the United States believed the general disturbances to be the result of magnetic storms attributable to sun spots, according to the United Press message, local quarters were unable, as yet, to give any explanation for the phenomenon.

Aurora Borealis Seen In Budapest

Budapest, Mar. 25.

The Aurora Borealis played havoc with short wave reception in Hungary last night when it was observed throughout the country from 7.15 p.m. to 7.35 p.m. Considerable surprise was caused here, for the phenomenon was also observed once last year. Before that, seventy years passed without it being seen once.—Havas.

Indian Muslim League Session Concluded

Resolution Condemning India Act Federation Plan Passed

Lahore, Mar. 25.

Scenes of enthusiasm marked the conclusion of the session of the All India Muslim League.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the President of the League, said that the session had proved to be a landmark in the history of India. They had defined the goal, and would fight for it, he declared.

Before the session ended, the League unanimously adopted the resolution, previously passed by the Subjects' Committee of the League, reiterating the view that federation, as envisaged in the last Government of India Act, was totally unsuited for India, and unworkable.

No constitution would be acceptable to Muslims, the resolution added, unless it was designed on the basic principle that provinces in which Muslims were in the majority should be grouped into independent states, with effective mandatory safeguards for minorities.

The resolution authorized the Working Committee to frame a scheme of constitution in accordance with these principles, and also providing that the proposed respective regions should have all powers, such as defence, external affairs, communications, customs, etc.—Reuter.

German Envoy Calls on Gaimusho

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Herr Eugen Ott, German Ambassador to Japan, explained the European situation from the German viewpoint in a conference on Saturday with Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, a spokesman for the Foreign Office announced today.

Herr Ott sought an interview with Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, but Mr. Arita was busy and the German Ambassador talked over the situation with Mr. Tani.—Domei.

Herr Hitler Expected to Clarify Issues Over Balkans in New Speech

Paris Doubts Joint Declaration of Guarantee By Russia, Italy, Reich Will Materialize

Amsterdam, Mar. 25.

Rumours are circulating in Berlin that Herr Hitler will deliver a big political speech shortly. He is believed to be putting the finishing touches to it in Berchtesgaden.

The understanding between the Axis Powers and Russia is the chief topic in Berlin, and it is thought that Hitler's speech may shed new light in that connection.

The speech is also intended to dispel the disappointment in Germany at the failure to present them with a diplomatic success, following the meeting with Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

Paris Views on Balkans Issues

Paris, Mar. 25.

Authoritative quarters here express doubts regarding the probability of the Reich, Italy, and Soviet Russia issuing a joint declaration guaranteeing the integrity of the Balkan states as a result of the recent meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini and the Reich's efforts to bring Moscow into the axis.

It is generally admitted here that the three capitals are fearing an intervention of the Allies in South-East Europe but aside from this fear, which is felt in Berlin, Rome and Moscow alike, each of the three totalitarian states does not wish to see either of the other two attain any dominant position in that part of the world.

Observers here recall Italy's active role in South-East Europe while Germany was busy in Poland and watched the action of Soviet Russia in the North. Following the talk between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini on the Brenner frontier, Italy reluctantly left to the Reich the initiative in Rumania, concentrating her own action upon Yugoslavia.

As for Moscow, authoritative quarters here point out that Soviet Russia is not likely to conclude any agreement with Germany and Italy which is likely to stop her drive towards the Balkans, while the Balkan states themselves look upon Moscow as a possible obstacle to the spreading of German influence. With Russia dominating the Baltic, Germany will at all costs try to prevent the possibility of Moscow establishing control over the Near East, which is in the hands of the Allies at present. Germany's main fear is that she be placed at Moscow's mercy both in the North and South of Europe.—Havas.

M. Paderewski Back in Politics

M. Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous pianist, has re-entered political life as President of the Polish National Council. He is seen chatting with M. Rackewicz, left, President of the Polish Republic, and General Sikorsky, right, Prime Minister and War Minister, at the first meeting of the Polish National Council held in Paris.

Canadian Electors Expected to Endorse Present Government

Record Polling Anticipated After Bitter Campaign; Fullest War Effort Demanded

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Toronto, Mar. 25.

POLITICAL observers expect that Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King's Government will be confirmed in power by the general election, with a majority of at least fifty in the house of 245. The present majority is 76. The electors apparently only desire that the war shall be prosecuted to the best of the country's ability.—Reuter.

National Resolve to Fight Not Questioned

Ottawa, Mar. 25.

Canada's whirlwind political campaign leading up to its "war election" on Tuesday, came to a close tonight. Precipitated by Conservative opposition demands that Canada's war efforts be speeded up, tomorrow's call to the polls presents the Dominion's voters with one of the most complicated political pictures in its history.

The chief issue is still the war. It will not be a question of whether Canada should or should not be in the war against Germany. That was decided by the unanimous vote of Parliament last September 6. The main point is whether efforts of the Mackenzie-King administration, in prosecuting the war, have been satisfactory to the people, or whether they want the responsibility of its prosecution placed in other hands. What the final result tomorrow will be, no one knows, but it was expected that one of the heaviest votes in Canadian history will be polled.

It was last January 18 when the Ontario Premier, Mr. Mitchel F. Hepburn, moved a vote of censure in the Ontario Legislature, which passed 44 to 10, against Mr. Mackenzie-King's war effort. On January 25, the Prime Minister abruptly dissolved Parliament only four hours after it had convened so that he might call an immediate election. He briefly explained to a hostile opposition that had the criticism remained the "personal opinion" of the leaders of the Ontario Legislature, he would have ignored it. Once the criticism became the "official" opinion of the largest province in Canada, he said, it became necessary to place the issue before the entire Dominion.

Campaign Bitterly Fought

The campaign has been bitterly fought by both sides, Mr. Robert J. Manion, leader of the Conservative opposition, has stated that Mr. Mackenzie-King was "unfit to remain Prime Minister of this country" and that his war efforts have been "deplorable and farcical." Mr. Manion has based his platform on a demand for a national Government made up of the "very best brains" in the country, including business leaders and politicians, regardless of their party affiliations. Mr. Mackenzie-King's platform has been that as his ministry represents every section of Canada, it is a "national" government. He has also cautioned against the advisability of "changing horses in the middle of the stream" and placing such heavy responsibility in the hands of men untried in public life.

Mr. Mackenzie-King has been Prime Minister of Canada three times and has spent a total of 14 years as chief executive of the nation.

Mr. Manion, although he has been active in federal politics intermittently since 1917, is in comparison a newcomer to public life. He has only been leader of the Conservative Party for slightly more than a year.—United Press.

Australians Rush To Join Up

Additional War Effort by Commonwealth Announced; Service to Be Done Abroad

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Sydney, Mar. 25.

There is a waiting list of nearly 4,000 men in New South Wales who have submitted their names for enlistment in the Second A.I.F., it is reported here. Applications are being dealt with in order of submission.

Men are being called up by post for preliminary medical examination, and, if found fit, are given a second and more rigid examination by a board consisting of a physician and a surgeon, before they go into camp. This system, it is hoped, will avoid a larger number of discharges being made after the men have gone into camp, which occurred when recruiting took place last year. Medical officers point out that there may still be some discharges from camp, because the training often reveals physical weaknesses not detected by even the most rigid examination.—Reuter.

New War Effort Announced

Canberra, Mar. 25.

The Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has announced that the War Cabinet had decided:

1. To recruit for service abroad another division of the Second A.I.F. (the Seventh Division) and also 16,000 additional troops necessary to make up an army corps. Including the troops already enlisted, and the necessary reinforcements, it is proposed to raise a grand total of 90,000 men for the Second A.I.F. by June, 1941.

2. To attach an army co-operation squadron of the R.A.A.F. to the Second A.I.F. The squadron will be provided with aircraft from overseas.

3. To raise and send abroad one railway survey company—three railway construction companies and two forestry companies, totalling 40 officers and 1,203 other ranks. These men will be recruited from skilled workers in Australia and will require very little preliminary training.

Mr. Menzies also announced that either one or two new age quotas would be called up for compulsory training in the militia, and that militiamen receiving camp training this year would be called up for short refresher courses next financial year.—Reuter.

Gen. Abe's Mission to Nanking Obscure

No Definite Instructions Given New Envoy

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

It was thought unlikely that General Nobuyuki Abe, the ex-Premier, would arrive in Nanking in time for the inauguration ceremony of the new Central Government at the end of the month, said Mr. Y. Suma, the Foreign Office spokesman during the course of a press conference this morning.

Japan would not send a special representative to the opening ceremony, he said, but someone on the spot might represent Japanese Government.

General Abe would probably reach Nanking a week later, he added.

The Premier, Admiral M. Yonai, had formally offered General Abe the post of special envoy to the new Central Government. General Abe had accepted the post, and was expected to have left for China on March 20.—Reuter.

Disorders Widespread In North Ireland

Dublin, Mar. 25.

Disorders were widespread through northern Ireland yesterday in defiance of an official ban against commemorations of the 1916 Easter Rebellion.

Several persons were arrested after dynamiting a railway bridge near Londonderry. Belfast police fired shots in dispersing a crowd of Nationalists.—United Press.

Hongkong Gift to Exchequer

Dockyards to Build Ships For Navy; Chinese Give Strong Support

Hongkong, Mar. 25.

Proposals to make a gift of £100,000 to the Imperial Exchequer, and to allocate H.K.$5,000,000 locally for the building of vessels for the Royal Navy, were unanimously approved by the Legislative Council of Hongkong, when the War Revenue Bill passed through its first and second readings.

The Bill is expected, through taxes on salaries, business and corporation profits, and property, to provide about $6,000,000 a year.

Hongkong's famous shipyards, held by many to be the best in the overseas Empire, and which have recently constructed two 10,000-ton passenger-freighters, will build two minesweepers and four harbour defence craft for the Royal Navy, and two ferry tenders for the Army, out of the first year's revenue.

In the course of the debate on the Bill, a leading unofficial Chinese member, Dr. Li Shu-fan, said: "I feel very strongly that as long as one nation claims to be superior to all others and that that nation only has the right to live, then civilization is in danger and there will be no peace in the world."

Fighting a Bully

Another appointed Chinese member, Mr. M. K. Lo, welcomed Hongkong's contribution towards the war, saying: "Her (England's) navy and merchant marine, army and Air Force, have been carrying out their allotted tasks in the face of all dangers, and the whole nation has been mobilized to fight the greatest military bully the world has ever seen.

"In contrast to the prevailing conditions in England, Hongkong has indeed much to be thankful for. Thanks to the British navy and the might of the British army, Hongkong is enjoying a measure of peace and freedom which is a thing of the past in so many parts of the world today.

"One of the national traits of the Chinese is their abiding sense of gratitude. I feel certain that, gratefully appreciating the Colony has a haven of refuge in which they can live in security and peace, all Chinese in the Colony warmly approve of the cash contribution to the Imperial Exchequer."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Casualty List

London, Mar. 25.

The latest list of casualties issued by the Ministry of Air includes the names of eight R.A.F. officers and men killed in action, and eight wounded or injured in action. It also includes 28 killed on active service, and eleven wounded or injured on active service.—Reuter.

Nazis Seek to Destroy Britain, France

Dr. Ley Tells of Aims of War to Labour Front

London, Mar. 25.

Referring to the hardships of the German people and army during the winter, Dr. Robert Ley, Leader of the Labour Front, speaking at a camp on the Siegfried Line, declared it was a miracle that the spirit of the German people was unbroken by these sufferings, according to the Berlin radio.

"We in Germany are like the concrete of the Western Wall; the longer it lasts, the harder it gets," he declared.

Many Germans at the beginning of the war felt depressed, but the depression had now gone, and nobody doubted that Germany would be victorious.

The German aim, he added, was the complete annihilation of Britain and France.—Reuter.

Godown Ablaze in Hongkew

New Fire at Nanzing and Whangpoo Roads Causes Big Turn-out; Sailors Assist

THE fourth major fire in recent years was fought by a formidable concentration of fire apparatus yesterday evening at the northwest corner of Nanzing and Whangpoo Roads, the Yangtsze Egg and Cold Storage Co., Japanese, formerly the China Egg Produce Co. The flames were combatted by engines from Hongkew and Central Fire Stations, assisted by the fire brigade of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, while the Customs firefloat Poochi and the Settlement Brigade float Fire Dragon both were despatched to the scene but were not brought into action.

The blaze seriously damaged the top floor and roof of the three-storey godown, chiefly on the Nanzing Road side, and for a while threatened the rest of the structure as well as adjoining warehouses. A quantity of cork was destroyed on the top floor and there was necessarily considerable water damage. The quick arrival of the first fire-engines called—from Hongkew Station—was credited with preventing a really disastrous spread of the flames. Altogether the firemen spent 2 hours and 38 minutes at the scene. They had the fire under control in about 40 minutes.

Chinese Injured Seriously

The alarm was given at 5.48 p.m., just before dusk, and the Chinese passer-by who first saw the smoke and rushed to a telephone to inform the Fire Brigade fell and suffered shock and a possible cerebral haemorrhage, necessitating his removal to hospital by ambulance. First to respond were engines from Hongkew Station, under Assistant Station Officer R. S. Somers, and later Central Station crews and the firefloats Poochi and Fire Dragon were also summoned. Besides an ambulance, the rescue van from Central Station was sent to the scene.

Capt. H. G. Reed, Chief Officer of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, took personal charge of the work, assisted by Mr. R. G. Watkins, Third Officer. Hose was laid on from both Whangpoo Road and Nanzing Road, the large turntable escape being used in Whangpoo Road. The blaze was attacked, from the very start from the roof, through which dense smoke billowed forth, with fitful bursts of flame. A heavy pall of smoke was soon laid over the entire area, visible from The Bund and areas on both sides of the Whangpoo River. As darkness approached, the glare from the fire glowed for awhile brightly in the sky.

Steel Helmets and Bayonets

The Japanese Naval Landing Party turned out its fire engines and laid on hose to assist the Shanghai Fire Brigade. This display included a large naval flag, a huge inscribed paper lantern on a long pole, and a megaphone measuring well over three feet. Besides the naval fire brigade, manned by steel-helmeted bluejackets, scores of sailors, likewise in steel helmets and carrying rifles with fixed bayonets, threw a cordon about the block concerned and kept all passers-by at a proper distance. In addition to this there were many members of the Japanese military police on Whangpoo and Woosung Roads, some of them carrying rifles, and a profusion of officers and men of the Japanese Consular Police. There was a ubiquity of uniforms as perhaps had never been witnessed at any other fire in the history of Shanghai.

It was possible to withdraw some of the fire engines at about 7 p.m. while others remained till after 8 o'clock.

Nazi Now Say Six Planes Down in Sylt Raid

Wreckage From Further Crafts Said Washed Up

Berlin, Mar. 25.

The claim that six British 'planes were shot down in the raid over Sylt on the night of March 19-20 is made in a war commentary issued today by the German official news agency, which adds that during the last few days bodies and wreckage from further British planes have been washed up on the northern islands.

Careful investigation, the news agency says, has shown that the wreckage belongs to at least three other planes, which added to the three reported with certainty as having been shot down, makes six.

On Wednesday last the British Air Secretary, Sir Kingsley Wood, stated in the House of Commons that, with one exception, all British aircraft taking part in the Sylt attack returned safely to their bases.—Reuter.

Japan Copyright Law-Breaker Investigated

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Activities of Dr. Wilhelm Plage, who recently established the East Asia Copyright Office in Mukden, were reported to have been investigated today by the Metropolitan Police Board.

The inquiry was believed to have started after Dr. Plage was alleged to have demanded that the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation pay a fee for the broadcasting of foreign works.

The investigation was being conducted, it was understood, in connection with provisions of the Copyright Brokerage Law which was recently enforced by the Japanese Government.—Domei.

Japan Will Force Foreign Powers

Concessions Must Be Given Back to China If Japan's Aims Are Achieved

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Japan is prepared to take "proper steps" against third Powers who refuse to surrender their concessions in China to the new Wang Ching-wei government in Nanking, Major-Gen. Akira Muto, director of the Bureau of the Military Affairs, told the Japanese Diet.

Japan is preparing to surrender her right to concessions in China to the new Nanking Government and expects all third Powers to take similar action, he said.

He declined to indicate, however, the nature of the steps Japan proposes to take against those third Powers who insist upon retaining their treaty rights in China.

"This is something which should not be mentioned at this time," he said in referring to the nature of the contemplated Japanese steps. "We can only say that proper steps will be taken at proper times in this regard."

Anglo-Japanese Dispute

Gen. Muto also disclosed that a dispute has arisen between Japan and Britain over the interpretation of the Anglo-Japanese accord reached last summer in which Britain in effect recognized a state of war in North China.

Japan's understanding of the agreement, he said, was that Britain would cease interfering with Japanese military operations and discontinue her aid to the Chungking Government. He said the agreement was again under negotiation in an effort to obtain a petter definition of its terms. Asked whether Britain had failed to live up to the terms of the agreement, Gen. Muto replied that this depended upon the viewpoint from which one considered the agreement.—United Press.

Britain to Curtail U.S. Cotton Purchases

Foreign Exchange Reserves To Be Conserved

Washington, Mar. 25.

The British trade authorities have informed United States officials that the United Kingdom expects to curtail purchases of the United States cotton order, to conserve foreign exchange.

This was disclosed by the Department of Agriculture, which added that difficulties are expected in disposing of the 1940 crop abroad.

It is predicted that the Government will again be asked to advance large loans to the growers, on unmarketable surpluses.—Reuter.

Count Ciano Confers With Count Teleki

Hungarian Visitor Expected To See Sig. Mussolini

Rome, Mar. 25.

A conference which lasted two hours was held here today between Count Paul Teleki, visiting Hungarian Premier, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

It is understood that they exchanged views on the international situation.

Count Teleki will probably be received by Signor Mussolini this afternoon.—Havas.

New Zealand Premier Now Much Weaker

Labour Party Expresses Sympathy for Leader

Wellington, N.Z., Mar. 25.

The condition of Mr. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who is critically ill, is weaker, according to the latest bulletin.

At a conference of the Labour Party today, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mr. Savage, and high appreciation of his work as leader of the Party and the first Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand.—Reuter.

Several Foreign Planes Fly Over Holland

The Hague, Mar. 25.

Several foreign planes were sighted above the northern part of the Netherlands yesterday evening and during the night, it was announced today by the Government press service. Owing to darkness, the nationality of the machines could not be determined. They were stated to be moving in a westerly as well as easterly direction, and were fired upon from different places.—Reuter.

Turkish Steamer Seized For Smuggling Jews

Istanbul, Mar. 25.

British warships have seized the Turkish steamer Sakarya, 2,612 tons, and have taken it to Beirut on the grounds that it carried 2,000 Jews from Constanza and landed them clandestinely in Palestine, it was learned here today. The Government announced that it would make representations to Britain in an effort to seek the release of the ship.—United Press.

Pope Pius Declares Christian Virtues Only Remedy for World's Ills

Archbishop of Canterbury Speaks on "Humanity Suffering on a Bitter Cross"; Nazis Denounced

Vatican City, Mar. 25.

A sombre picture of the errors and scourges, especially the war, now afflicting the world was painted by Pope Pius XII in a Latin homily enunciated in a high mass at St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday.

His Holiness called on all men to conform to the Christian virtues taught by the Saviour as the "only remedy for the moral, social and economic disorders from which all nations are suffering."

He looked forward to the day when the forces of evil shall be dissipated by God's aid and humanity shall be united once more.—Reuter.

"Humanity on Bitter Cross"

London, Mar. 25.

At no time within the past 1,700 years had the powers of evil been more active or more insolent, declared the Archbishop of Canterbury in a sermon delivered in Canterbury Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

"It is truly a spectacle of humanity suffering on a bitter cross," said the Primate of All England.

"We do not believe it is God's will that this reign of brute force should continue. We cannot doubt it is in accordance with God's will that Britain and her Allies should do their utmost regardless of the cost to end this evil."

After the overthrow of the powers of evil embodied in Germany's present rulers and the winning back of lands they had ravaged, it would be vital to build on the ground thus cleared a new and better order of human life, the Archbishop said.—Reuter.

Peiping Flour Prices Blamed on Big Dealers for "Squeeze"

Grain Leaving Foreign Areas to Starving People Subject to Many "Taxes" by Local Authorities

Peiping, Mar. 25.

To not a small extent, the present high prices for flour and other foodstuffs in Peiping are directly due to the "squeeze" which is being levied on stocks of flour transported from Tientsin to Peiping.

Reuter's correspondent, on investigating the reason why flour is sold for around $15 a bag in Tientsin, and for over $22 a bag in Peiping, found that at least three "levies" are made on stocks of flour on their way from Tientsin to this city.

Local Chinese dealers state that before the flour can even leave Tientsin, permission must first be obtained from the Bureau of Social Welfare in Tientsin, and, it is reported, monetary compensation must be offered.

On leaving the Tientsin Concessions, the flour is further "taxed" at the barriers.

Squeeze Alleged

Few foreigners in Peiping are under any illusions regarding the manner in which "squeeze" is levied on foodstuffs passing through the barriers at Tientsin, to which reference was made in the House of Commons by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. That it is levied is a well-known fact.

Other factors contributing to the high price of flour are the shortage of freight cars, and the virtual Japanese monopoly on flour coming in to Peiping.

Only a few influential grain shops, most of which are Japanese, have the right to distribute flour and other footstuffs. When flour is in Chinese hands, price control is imposed. This is lifted when the flour passes into the hands of Japanese dealers.

An importer of grain informed Reuter that Chinese grain shops have no more flour stocks in hand, and that only Japanese dealers are now selling flour. Chinese food dealers have to submit daily reports to the police on the quantity of foodstuffs sold.

There are large stocks of flour in the foreign concessions at Tientsin. Should the Bureau of Social Welfare in Tientsin, or the Japanese army authorities there, be willing to grant permits for the removal of this flour, large quantities could be brought up to Peiping to relieve the desperate situation here.

Sufficient Other Grains

Assuming that no more flour is made available in Peiping, the population here will have to live on miscellaneous grains, such as beans and kaoliang. The supply of miscellaneous grains, according to statistics compiled here some days ago, stands at 280,000 tons. The daily consumption by the Peiping populace is around 10,000 tons, so that it will be seen that Peiping cannot live very long on the stocks which are already in hand.

The following comparison of prices of foodstuffs before the Lukouchiao Incident and now, illustrates the present difficulties of Peiping population:—

	Before Lukouchiao	Now
One bag of flour ..... (before recent drop)	$3.30	$22
One bag of rice	$13	$140
One bag of kaoliang ..	$5.50	$40

The food situation now shows some signs of easing, as more flour is arriving here, and it is now possible to obtain flour at around $18 per bag, as against $22 to $24, which has been the price for the past several weeks.

Some rice consignments also are expected to arrive in Peiping in the near future.—Reuter.

N. C. Council for April Next

New Regime in North China To Be Inaugurated Soon; Peiping Separate

Peiping, Mar. 25.

The North China Political Council, which is to take the place of the Peiping "Provisional Government," when the latter is dissolved following the inauguration of the new Central Government, will be formed in the first part of April, it is reported locally.

The dissolution of the Peiping "Provisional Government" is expected to take place on March 29.

All political organizations under the "Provisional Government," it is further learned, will remain functioning, except the Political Committee and the Judicial Committee, which are to be dissolved. All of these organizations, however, will be known under new names.

The North China Political Council, it is understood, will be formally inaugurated after the return of Mr. Wang Keh-min, head of the "Provisional Government," from Nanking.

Meanwhile, preparations are being made locally to celebrate the inauguration of the new Central Government.

A joint celebration will be held beginning on April 3, and lasting until April 5, with Chinese theatrical performances by well-known actors, while the Hsin Min Hui (Japanese-controlled North China political body) will sponsor a marathon race.—Reuter.

St. Luke's Hospital Report for February

Maternity, Operation Cases Show Increase

The total number of patients treated in the St. Luke's No. 2 Refugee Hospital during February was 666, according to the monthly statistics on the institution's work which have just been released. At the end of February, 283 patients were in the hospital as against 269 at the end of February.

Out of the 7,949 hospital days, no less than 7,799 were made available to penniless refugees free of charge, while the total number of outpatient department visits is given at 6,178. Of these, 5,137 paid a nominal fee of one cent per visit.

In taking the total number of outpatient department visits made since the hospital commenced operations 27 months ago as a basis, the number of patients in February was 963 below the monthly average which is 7,141. In all, 144 X-Ray and fluoroscopical examinations were made in February, as compared with a total of 1,101 made during the past 12 months.

While no typhoid and cholera inoculations were made during the period under review, no less than 143 persons were vaccinated against smallpox.

The average bed occupancy was 97.2 per cent., the total number of beds being 282. No less than 227 operations and 54 deliveries were made during the month of February, and 383 patients were discharged.

The pharmaceutical department attached to the hospital, filled 5,367 prescriptions during the month under review and 4,326 of these were given free of charge. In the analytical section, 383 specimen were analyzed, as compared with the monthly average of 372. In all, 56 patients died during the month under review, as compared with the average of 51 for the period the hospital has been in operation.

Easter Fashion Parade Fails in America

Bitter Cold, Wind and Rain Prevent Display of Clothes

New York, Mar. 25.

The regular Easter Sunday fashion parade of new spring clothes throughout the nation flopped in three quarters of the states yesterday.

Bitter cold, biting winds and rain forced Americans in most states either to leave their perishable spring fineries in their closets or hide them beneath their heavy winter coats.

Snow struck North Carolina and Virginia and even forced the postponement of the second round of the Greensboro Open Gold Tournament until the snow melts.

Temperatures in the mid-west were from ten to thirty degrees below normal. Florida and Louisiana, however, enjoyed warmer weather with the thermometer moving into the seventies and eighties. In the far west the weather was generally rainy and misty.—United Press.

U.S. Vessels Tranferred To Foreign Registry

Washington, (Airmail).

Although it is estimated that during the last year and a half more than 150 American vessels have been transferred to foreign registry, the Maritime commission has announced that none of them were essential to national defence.

As was to be expected, the European war increased the market for American ships, and 106 transfers of ships were recorded since September 15, 1939. Most of the transferred ships are over-age and include a considerable number of small motor-boats, tugs and barges, with a generous sprinkling of freighters and tankers.—Havas.

Japan Diet to Be Adjourned

Only Two Controversial Bills To Be Presented: Holiday in Prospect

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

Six additional members of the orthodox faction of the Seiyukai Party resigned yesterday as part of the aftermath of the expulsion of Mr. Takao Saito, former member of the Minseito Party, from the Japanese Diet.

Meanwhile, the Diet, which was to have adjourned yesterday, extended its session two additional days because of the large amount of unfinished business on hand.

Only two of 110 bills now awaiting approval from the Diet are expected to be left unattended by the time the Diet adjourns tomorrow night. These two bills probably will be shelved, political observers said. They are the Automobile Charcoal Distributing Co. Bill and a measure covering the prevention of leprosy.

A special committee of the Lower House met on Sunday afternoon to consider the former measure, but the meeting was adjourned when no responsible member of the Government appeared to explain the bill.

Twenty-eight of 85 bills awaiting action yesterday were pushed through the House of Peers after brief reports of approval from chairmen of various committees which had investigated the bills. Among the measures passed were bills relating to the establishment of a fertilizer company and the revision of the employment law.—United Press.

Franco-British Bloc In Future Europe

M. Reynaud Comments on Kernel of "United States"

Lisbon, Mar. 25.

"The Franco-British bloc will be the kernel of future Europe, the French Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, stated in an interview with the correspondent of the Lisbon paper "Diario de Noticias" and published in that journal today.

Recalling the recent measures tightening the economic collaboration between both countries, M. Reynaud added that these measures are not merely of technical interest. They are the expression of a desire, without parallel in history, for collaboration between two peoples which allows for the hope that the post-war Europe will be rebuilt upon lasting bases without difficulty.

"Would there be a United States of Europe?" the correspondent asked.

"Why not?" M. Paul Reynaud replied.—Havas.

Annual Wolf Cub Jamboree at Kiaochow Park

With Mr. W. J. Silvey, Assistant Commissioner, in charge, about 200 Wolf Cubs held their spring camp yesterday, competing at the time for the Fraser Shield, which was presented by Sir Sidney Barton, former H.M. Consul-General, in honour of his predecessor.

French Inventor of Wireless Passes

M. Edouard Branly Dies At 93; Scientist Never Recognized Until End

Paris, Mar. 25.

M. Edouard Branly, 92-year-old inventor whom the French credit with having perfected the first wireless transmitting and receiving set, died today.

Born in Amiens on October 23, 1846, and despite his undoubted invention of the principles of wireless telegraphy, he passed most of his long life in relative obscurity as a modest professor of physics, and recognition came to him publicly only during the last years.

It was in 1885 in his garret laboratory in the anti-quated Catholic University of Paris that M. Branly first observed the effect of an electric spark on a closed circuit. In 1890 and 1891 Branly made this discovery the subject of papers read before the Academy of Sciences in Paris.

In 1895 Signor Marconi completed his treatise on wireless telegraphy, and like M. Branly, unable to procure suitable laboratory facilities at home, he went to England for experimentation. In 1999 Sig. Marconi succeeded in sending his first wireless messages from England to France and one of his first messages read approximately as follows: "Marconi send to M. Branly his respectful compliments across the Channel, these excellent results being due in part to the remarkable work of M. Branly."

French Scientist Ignored

Later a banquet was given in Sig. Marconi's honour in Paris near the Gare St. Lazare, and M. Branly was invited and sat opposite Sig. Marconi, though the occasion was not commented on in the press. M. Branly nevertheless has consistently maintained that Sig. Marconi was a great scientist and spoke of the Italian always in the highest terms, declaring it was Sig. Marconi who applied the principle telegraphically, and to whom should go the honour of perfecting wireless telegraphy.

M. Branly's invention, which has made millions for others, hardly realized for himself more than a miserable pittance. Working in physics at the Sorbonne, the young inventor complained of the paucity of laboratory materials. He even lacked a helper to rig his experiments. Being invited to go to the Catholic University at an increased salary and where a helper would aid him, he accepted. It was this abrupt desertion of the Sorbonne that perhaps did most to keep M. Branly's name from the more brilliant constellation of French scientists in the Academy, since the professorial hierarchy was loath to forgive him for the change.—United Press.

Two Western Robbers Seized with Gun

Gordon Road Station Men Make Arrests After Crime

In their effort to cope with the serious crime situation created in the Connaught-Yenping Roads vicinity, the Settlement Police, working out of Gordon Road Station, have made two further arrests and seized a revolver which one of the suspects discarded when about to be apprehended on Sunday night. These men, who will be brought before the First Special District Court today, were arrested after a robbery committed at about 10 p.m. on Sunday on Yenping Road, near Connaught Road. A Chinese pedestrian was stopped and robbed of $29 in b nk-notes. Later the Police seized the two suspects and the revolver.

A gang of four Chinese, all armed with pistols, entered 77 Yenping Road at 2 a.m. yesterday and stole a small amount of money, some clothing and a bicycle, with which they escaped.

At 8.30 o'clock last night, seven men carrying two pistols stopped a motor-truck on Singapore Road, near Kiaochow Road, and stole a bicycle, a sack of rice and two overcoats from the men riding in it.

Danish Parliament Convoked

Berlin, Mar. 25.

An extraordinary session of the Danish Parliament has been called for midday tomorrow, according to a German News Agency telegram from Copenhagen, which adds that the session has been summoned to deal with home affairs only.—Reuter.

Unidentified Plane Over Belgium

Brussels, Mar. 25.

An unidentified plane flew over central Belgium late this morning. Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire, but the plane was flying at a great height and was not struck.—Havas.

Hankow Business Tax Denied by Japanese

Hankow, Mar. 25.

Concern was aroused in Hankow business circles following rumours that the Japanese authorities here intended to levy a special tax of 20 per cent. on the value of all foreign goods, other than Japanese, imported into Hankow. Although certain firms are reported to have received notifications from the Japanese to this effect, a representative of the Japanese Consulate-General has denied that such action was contemplated. The Japanese authorities, he said, have no intention of imposing a tax on imported foreign goods here.—Reuter.

London Discusses Paris Changes

French Parliamentary Attitude Contrasted With Commons Stand

London, Mar. 25.

The ministerial reshuffle in France is the main topic of discussion in the press and also in diplomatic and political quarters here.

Comparison is drawn between the attitude of the House of Commons which gave Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, *carte blanche* to pursue the war as he sees fit and even approved his Finnish policy, and that of the French Parliament, which expressed dissatisfaction at a similar policy.

This contrast has caused some surprise but no concern and is not expected to result in any change in the House of Commons' judgment on Mr. Chamberlain's policy. The Prime Minister is enjoying the support of the majority of the country which is prepared to let him "wage the war as he sees fit."

However, the slender majority obtained by the new French Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, in the French parliament will cause political circles here to realize the difficulties which might result from any wholesale Cabinet reshuffle.

Diplomatic circles here do not view the recent events in France with a critical eye. They admit once again that the two countries often settle their domestic problems differently, but there is no doubt as to the determination of the French and British people and their parliaments to wage the war till victory has been achieved.—Havas.

Lord Halifax Criticized

London, Mar. 25.

New rumours of a pending shake-up in the British Cabinet yesterday coincided with the first public criticism of Viscount Halifax as Foreign Secretary.

Lord Beverbrook's "Sunday Express" said that the inauguration of a new Government in France raised the question of whether changes should be made in the British Cabinet.—United Press.

Chinese Claim Gains In Kwangsi Sector

Japanese Detachment Said Wiped out at Lungwuling

Chungking, Mar. 25.

Further successes of Chinese forces on the Kwangsi front are claimed in Chinese reports received here today. These reports state that the main body of the Japanese forces at Lingshan, which the Chinese claim to have recaptured, is continuing its retreat westward towards the highway.

At the same time, it is added, one Japanese column, moving southward, reached Wulicheng, south of Lingshan, at noon on March 22, "where, after severe fighting, it split into two columns, one of which eventually reached Lungwuling to the east, and the other Pehlao to the west."

The Chinese claim that the Japanese detachment at Lungwuling was surrounded and wiped out on the night of March 23.—Reuter.

Pair Take $2,000 from Avenue Joffre Shop

Russian Merchant Forced To Open Safe

Two Chinese gangsters, one armed with a pistol and the other carrying what was obviously an imitation weapon, overpowered a Russan merchant and his Chinese assistants at a leather goods shop in Lane 899, Avenue Joffre, at closing time last night, forced the proprietor to open his safe and hand over about $2,000 and then locked him and his assistants into a room in the rear. The bandits escaped, and no shots were fred.

Guardians of Law Upset Seaforths

Soldiers Whitewashed, Though Team Puts Up Stiff Resistance

After surprising football fans with victories over S.R.C. and S.F.X., the Police scored yet another bigger upset, perhaps the biggest of the season, when they whitewashed the Seaforths, 4-0, at the Racecourse yesterday. The lawkeepers were easily the better team, although the Seaforths put up a stiff resistance. The game was rather uninteresting, as most of the late season games are, and produced but a few thrills. The Police were well served by Bader's opportunism and it was this player who scored three of the four goals.

S.M.P.:—Bulpin; Victal, Stangaard; Westwood, Duffy, Roliz; Woodley, McAloon, Bader, Chooklantseff, Fonseca.

Seaforths:—Cameron; Spiers, Campbell; Smellie, McCusker, McShannon; MacDonald, Gilmour, Fraser, Duncan, Murphy.

The Police were the first to attack and Bader threatened the Seaforths' goal with a shot that was well saved by Cameron. The Police played determined football, however, and were continuously on the attack with the result that Bader scored for the Police some fifteen minutes after the start. The Police centre-forward received the ball from McAloon and, beating the Seaforths' defence, lodged the ball into the corner or the net.

Fine Work by Bulpin

The Seaforths broke into the Police territory and for a time it looked as if the law-keepers' citadel would fall, but fine work of Bulpin between the posts saved the Police goal time and again. Some ten minutes later, the policemen were again rewarded with a goal when Bader found the net with a hard drive. This was all the scoring done in the first half.

On Resumption

The Seaforths went all out to decrease the count and peppered at the lawmen's citadel. Fine work by Victal and Stangaard as backs kept the goal intact and in the 15th minute, McAloon added another point with a good shot from a pass by Chooklantseff. The ball travelled from one part of the field into the other, but both defences played well.

Duncan had the misfortune to see his 20 yard shot sail over the bar, while Fraser shot wide a minute later. The Police made their victory secure with another point from Bader two minutes before the end. The centre-forward received a good pass from Woodley and dribbled his way through to shoot a grounder well out of the goalie's way.

Britons Celebrate Easter Monday Despite War

Crowds Throng Countryside, Others Flock to Seaside

London, Mar. 25.

On the first Easter Monday of the war, huge crowds of holidaymakers throughout Britain flocked to the seaside by train, hikers thronged the countryside, and cyclists filled the roads.

There were the usual bank holiday crowds in London "seeing the sights," the only difference being sandbags and steel-helmeted policemen. The petrol ration, however, stopped many families who normally go holidaymaking on the roads.

Traffic was only a third of the normal quantity, the London-Brighton road carrying the bulk of cars at the rate of 1,400 an hour.—Reuter.

Attempt to Assassinate Pharmacy Official

Gunman Flees Following Sinza Road Shooting

An attempt was made yesterday evening to assassinate the young assistant manager of a Chinese pharmacy at the intersection of Medhurst and Sinza Roads. A political background is suspected.

The victim was in the chemist's shop when a Chinese entered, at about 6 o'clock, and drew a pistol. The gunman fired once at his victim at close range, the bullet lodging, at the base of the back, in the gluteal muscle. Then he turned and fled.

The wounded man was taken to Paulun Hospital, where his condition was not considered serious. Detectives were last night investigating the case on the theory of a political motive owing to the victim's family connections.

Joan Davis, next to be seen in 20th Century-Fox' second Hotel for Women production, which is as yet untitled, teamed with Seranus (Si) Wills in 1931 for a vaudeville act. They liked their partnership so much they decided to make it a permanent one.

Nanking Council Composition

Supreme Organ in Conduct Of Political Affairs Under Wang Ching-wei Regime

Nanking, Mar. 25.

The composition of the Central Political Council, which will constitute "the supreme organ in the conduct of the political affairs of the state" in the reorganized National Government of China to be inaugurated here on March 30, was announced last night.

Its roster will comprise:—

Members ex-officio:—Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Wen Tsung-yao, Chen Kung-po, Liang Hung-chih, Wang I-tang and Wang Keh-min, who are the presidents of the five yuan and the chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission.

Reserve members:—Messrs. Chu Min-i, Chu Li-ho, Chiang Kang-hu and Ku Chung-chen.

Designated members:—Mr. Chou Fo-hai, Dr. Chu Min-i, Mme Wang Ching-wei, Messrs. Mei Ssu-ping, Chen Chun, Lin Po-sheng, Liu Yu-fen, Jen Yuan-tao, Chiao Ying, Chen Chun-hui, Chen Yao-tsu, Li Sheng-wu, Yeh Peng, Ting Mo-tsun, Fu Shih-chuo, Yang Kuei-i, Gen. Pao Wen-yueh, Hsiao Shu-hsuan and Li Shih-chun.

Invited members:—Gen. Chih Hsieh-yuan, Messrs. Chu Chen, Cho-te-pa-chapu, Yin Tung, Kao Kwan-wu, Chao Cheng-ping, Miao Pin, Chao Yu-sung, Chu Ching-lai, Caho Shu-yung and Tsen Te-kuang.

Wang Keh-ming Leaves for Peiping

Mr. Wang Keh-min, chief executive of the Provisional Government, who will preside over the north China Political Affairs Commission after March 30, left here for Peiping by air this afternoon.

He was accompanied by Mr. Chu Shen, Gen. Chih Hsieh-yuan, and Major-Gen. Susumu Morioka, the latter, director of the North China Liaison Office of the Asia Development Board.

Meantime, Mr. Lin Pai-shen, Minister of Publicity in the projected new administration, indicated here yesterday that conditions in north China would remain unchanged for some time after the Commission takes over. Abrupt changes will be avoided, it was understood.

Chungking Terrorist Jailed

Wang Lu-chiao, Chinese terrorist in the pay of the Chungking regime who took part in the abortive attack upon Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Hanoi on March 21 last year, was sentenced to life imprisonment by an Indo-China court for the murder of Dr. Tseng Chung-ming, secretary to Mr. Wang, it was learned here today.

Wang was captured by members of Mr. Wang's faction in Shanghai, from where he was sent under escort to Hanoi to face trial.—Domei.

Britain Denies R.A.F. Plane Over Denmark

London, Mar. 25.

The Air Ministry today denied that a Royal Air Force plane flew over Danish territory on Saturday. The announcement pointed out that the plane which flew over Danish territory could have been a German plane disguised as a British machine for the purpose of creating trouble between Denmark and Britain.—United Press.

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Japan Increase Income From Taxation

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

A bill reforming Japan's taxation system, as amended by the House of Representatives, was passed this morning by the House of Peers. The measure was expected to increase revenue by Y.500,000,000 annually starting from April 1.—Domei.

I.R.A. Men May Be Dispersed

Chaplain's Intervention In Dartmoor Revolt Aids Warders to Regain Control

Princetown, Mar. 25.

The twenty-one members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army responsible for the Easter Rebellion anniversary riot in Dartmoor Prison on Saturday were expected to be distributed among other prisons today to avoid the possibility of another uprising.

The prison governor, Major J. C. Pannall, yesterday began an investigation of the riot which caused £1,000 damage. Prisoners were questioned and the governor prepared to report his findings to the Home Office.

Prison circles indicated that Major Pannall probably would point out the danger of housing a large group of Irish extremists in the same prison.

Smoke and flames poured from the prison on Saturday as Irish Republican Army prisoners rebelled. Warders in one cell block were overpowered and the cell block was set afire.

The riot started with singing, shouting and jeering, but the rioters were persuaded to abandon the outbreak by the prison chaplain. Prison authorities were able to control the rebellion after the chaplain intervened.

The riot occurred at tea time when the prisoners had an opportunity to attack the warders and tie them hand and foot and gag them. The fire set by the rioters burned for two hours before being brought under control. Police threw a cordon round the prison immediately after the outbreak.—United Press.

OBITUARY

M. Edouard Branly

Paris, Mar. 25.

M. Edouard Branly, well-known physicist, died here yesterday at the age of 94.

News of his demise was received with general regret in France, for he was one of the country's foremost scientists, having invented the radio-conductor known as Coherer.

Born in 1846, M. Edouard Branly was elected to the Academy of Sciences in 1911. He was decorated with the order of Commander of the Legion of Honour.

Among those who left their cards at the late scientist's residence today were President Albert Lebrun and General Braconnier, the President's secretary for military affairs.—Havas.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE British Universities and Schools Luncheon Club will meet today at the Sun Ya Restaurant at 12.15.

TWENTY-NINE new Japanese Consular Policemen arrived at Shanghai, Sunday in the ss. Nagasaki Maru, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo."

THIS week's meeting of the Rotary Club will be a closed meeting. It will be held on Thursday at 12.15 p.m. at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor.

IT is unlikely that Pope Pius XII has time and inclination now to play the violin, on which he used to be something of an expert. At one time he was an enthusiastic opera-goer.

To consult the central authorities of the Asia Development Board, Major-Gen. Sanetaka Kusumoto, assistant director of the Central China Liaison Office of the Board, is due to leave for Tokyo soon, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi."

CMDR. Toyo Mitunobu, formerly chief assistant to the Resident Japanese Naval Officer in Shanghai, passed through Shanghai yesterday en route to Italy in the ss. Hakusan Maru. He was accompanied by his wife and children, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

AN information bureau has been opened in Shanghai by the French Ministry of Information and Mr. Pierre Millet appointed head of the service with offices at 2, Rue du Consulat, tel. 80080. M. Millet is prepared to offer full co-operation to members of the Shanghai press in the issuance of all information at his disposal.

AMONG the passengers who left England in the ss. Hakone for Shanghai on March 6, were:—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. H. Fuller; Mr. and Mrs. A. Macintyre and family; Mrs. V. A. Mason; Mrs. M. H. McLennan and family; Mrs. M. Momber and Miss B. J. Momber; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mrs. Dougal and infant.

MR. Tan Kah-kee, chairman of the China Refugee Relief Association in Singapore, and several other civic leaders in British Malaya, including Messrs. Chang Hai-yen, Wang Chen-hsiang, Chen Tsing-hu, and Li Tieh-ming, are expected to leave Rangoon by 'plane today on their way to Chungking, states a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

LIEUT.-General H. M. Wilson, the General Officer Commanding in Egypt, who is helping Turkey in its hour of distress, was not long ago at Aldershot commanding the 2nd Division. He was a "Green Jacket" and soldiered in the Rifle Brigade. Was the first officer to command a complete mechanized brigade formation to which no four-legged animal belonged.

TOMORROW night in the American Club, the American University Club will honour Mr. C. E. Gauss, retiring U.S. Consul-General and Washington's first Minister to Australia, with a dinner and dance. There will be a few short talks, but informality will be the keynote of the affair. The committee announces that the list of reservations is nearly closed.

THE annual meeting of the China Bible House (British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society) will be held in Union Church Hall tomorrow afternoon. Tea will be served to guests from 5 p.m., and the meeting will commence at 5.45. Sir Robert Calder Marshall will preside at the meeting, and the principal speaker will be the Rev. P. C. Matthews, headmaster of the Cathedral Boys' School.

THE Evangelistic services held at The Hut, 491 Yu Yuen Road during the past eight days under the leadership of Rev. Eugene Erny and sponsored by the Endeavourers Church having met with such a hearty response it has been decided (d.v.) to extend them for four days—from March 26 to 29. The meetings will commence at 5.45 p.m. and a cordial welcome awaits all who may be interested.

GEN. Weygand, the great French general who was the predecessor of Gen. Gamelin as supreme Head of the French Armies, was never impressed by the Soviet Army in recent years. "Ninety per cent. of their officers are Communist propagandists and not soldiers. They are, therefore, unreliable, and will be found wanting in the day of battle." This was the great general's verdict. And remember the great Marshal Foch described Weygand as "my encyclopedia"—"Weygand c'est moi."

THE committee of the Shanghai Hebrew Relief Society and Shelter House who are in charge of the Purim which is taking place on Wednesday, at the French Club, announce that all arrangements for the ball have now been completed. Owing to the heavy demand for reservations of tables and to avoid disappointment patrons are requested to kindly book tables by telephoning 14519 during office hours. Reservations will close on Wednesday noon. Tables reserved and not taken up by 10.30 p.m. on the evening of the ball will be considered cancelled.

LIKE many other American institutions, the University of Pennsylvania has embarked on a programme of Far Eastern studies and to that end for the past two years has been enlarging its library collection of works in all languages relating to China. Copies of almost all important works listed in authoritative bibliographies have been acquired and several thousand volumes in Chinese have also been purchased. This purchasing programme was made possible largely through a $15,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, university authorities revealed.

MR. Somerset Maugham, writer of the brilliant series of articles appearing on this page, was 66 in January last. Like Conan Doyle, A. J. Cronin, H de Vere Stacpoole, and others, he forsook medicine for authorship. In the first ten years he earned only £1,000. Now he is the best-paid short-story writer in the world. He is a great traveller, and wherever he goes he jots down his impressions, ideas for stories, scraps of conversation, and so on, in note-books. He once said that he made so many notes that he had his work planned ahead for ten years. In the last war he worked for the Secret Service, and afterwards produced one of the best spy-books ever written. He married a daughter of Dr. Barnardo, lives in Chelsea, and also has a villa at Cap Ferrat, which is one of the show places of the French Riviera.

Shanghai Boy Dies In Sea Tragedy

Peter Blix Drowned After Norwegian Ship Torpedoed In European Waters

All-round sportsman, former Shanghai interport rugby player and member of a well known and respected former Norwegian family in Shanghai, Mr. Peter Blix has lost his life as a result of the torpedoing of a Norwegian ship in which he was serving in European waters. News of his death reached Shanghai during the week-end, although the name of the ship and full details of the tragedy have not been received.

Peter Blix, the eldest son of Mr. Carl Blix, former member of the firm of Messrs. Saunders & Blix, and now a resident of Oslo, Norway, was born in Shanghai. His mother, who was English, died some years ago. He was educated at Trent College in England, where his housemaster was the Rev. P. C. Matthews, now headmaster of the Cathedral School for Boys in Shanghai.

He entered the Preparatory School in 1928. By sheer industry he rose to the VIth form, where he obtained his Higher Certificate. He was also a school prefect, vice-captain of hockey and an athlete of repute—in his last year he won the high jump at 5 ft. 0½ ins.

Sporting Powers

It was as a rugby footballer, both at home and in Shanghai, however, that he was best remembered. At school he showed such promise that he was awarded his 1st. XV colours on his sixteenth birthday. In 1932 he was captain of the Trent College 1st. XV and, under his leadership, the team won all of its eighteen matches, scoring 539 points against 22. His brilliant play can well be imagined when such famous rugby men as Prince A. Obolensky, who obtained his Oxford Blue and English international cap, J. G. Harrison, who played for the Army, and A. T. Goodrich, who became captain of Christ's College, Cambridge, were under his leadership in the Trent College XV.

On leaving Trent, Peter Blix returned to Shanghai and obtained a position with the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Later, he joined the staff of Reuter, in whose service he went to Canton after covering the 1937 hostilities in Shanghai. In Shanghai, as in England, he gained a name for himself as a rugby player, and, like his brother, Reggie, he played in several interport matches as scrum half. He was a prominent member of the Shanghai Rugby Football Club and his brilliant play was a feature of many of this club's matches. In addition to his love for sports he was a scholar as well and was deeply interested in Chinese history and language.

He was also a member of the Rowing and Cricket Clubs and was, during his stay in Shanghai, in the Armoured Car Company, S.V.C. Like his brother, Reggie, who was employed by Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson, he went home to Norway to join his uncle's firm. His other brother, Derek Blix, was in Shanghai a few days ago when his ship visited the port.

Coal "Fishermen" Busy on Creek

Sampans Use Nets to Drag For Fuel Dropped in Water During Unloading

Many poor people are seen nowadays spreading nets from boats on Soochow Creek, not to catch fish, but to fish coal, which is now a very highly-priced commodity in Shanghai. These new "fishing" people are operating between the Kiangse Road Bridge and Sinza Bridge where unloadings of coal takes place when coal boats arrive. They want the left-over coal which has fallen into the creek during unloading and it is said that there is a rich layer of coal at the bottom of the creek between the two bridges.

Between 20 and 30 small sampans can be seen on the creek and in them the poor operate to obtain three or four piculs of coal daily. The catch may not be a good one, but they always take a chance cleansing their nets to obtain even a small quantity of coal, which is sold to small Chinese confectionaries and hot water shops to make a small profit.

Besides the cheap coal supplied to them by the Shanghai Coal Merchants Guild, hot water shops therefore may obtain their supply also from the creek much to their relief. Commencing yesterday, managers of the hot water shops where the Chinese obtain their daily drinking water may go to the guild at 405 Tientsin Road to register for the cheap coal. Each shop is allowed to obtain one ton. They are allowed to obtain the cheap coal until the end of the month and therefore the problem is still there unless the Kailan Mining Administration can do something for them.

Meanwhile, the Chinese press is of the opinion that the price of coal may gradually drop with much coal continuously arriving here from Annam. On Sunday, a Butterfield & Swire steamer arrived here with 2,200 tons of Annamite coal aboard. Coal merchants who have placed an order for coal, state that more such coal will be shipped here and that the price may fall.

Coal merchants here are said to have the same problem as many tenants who are requested to pay their rents in American currency. It is stated that the price in American currency is one of the chief causes of the price increase. During pre-war days, coal merchants paid in Chinese currency. After the war, they have been required to pay in francs, then in sterling and at present in American currency.

NOBODY has done more than the late Sir Francis Goodenough to advance the claims of the gas industry. He was a first-rate salesman and inventor of slogans. During his 25 years' connection with the British Commercial Gas Association he saw the number of consumers increase by 3,000,000, and the quantity sold 60 per cent. He was proud of his Devon birth, and his rise from humble circumstances. It was snobbish, he often maintained, to regard being in business as inferior to being in a profession, and he once said he would rather his son were a leader in commerce than Lord Chancellor.

Increased S.M.C. Power Wanted by Japanese

An increase in the Japanese representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council in view of the increase in the number of Japanese residents and in Japanese interests in the city, was advocated by an Embassy spokesman at the Japanese press conference yesterday. The increase, he said, should be in direct proportion to the increase in the number of ratepayers.

Asked if the Japanese were dividing large lots into many small ones so as to increase the Japanese vote, and if the Japanese could become a party to such "skullduggery," the spokesman replied that he had heard that the British were doing the same thing.

Newspaper Again Target of Bombs

But Hand Grenades Fail To Explode this Time at "Chung Mei Jih Pao"

Again, early yesterday morning, terrorists attacked the "Chinese American Daily News" ("Chung Mei Jih Pao"), an American-registered Chinese newspaper with offices in a lane skirting 160 Avenue Edward VII, between Szechuen and Kiangse Roads. This time two hand-grenades of the "potato masher" type were thrown into, or placed in, the distribution office of the paper—a morning journal—at 6.15 a.m., but both bombs failed to explode.

Police from Central Station arrived on the scene shortly after the attack. The terrorists had fled, however, and a thorough search of the neighbourhood failed to reveal trace of them. The two hand-grenades, which were wrapped in paper were removed by the Police. It is understood that no threatening letters have recently been received by the management of the paper.

The main incident involving the "Chinese American Daily News," a publication which has repeatedly assailed Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his policies in its columns, took place last July 22 when a large gang tackled the newspaper with hand-grenades and Mauser pistols, killed Capt. A. F. Wilson, American, and several Chinese and wounded a number of others, while the police, in turn, shot one of the gangsters dead.

Detectives from Central Station throughout yesterday were investigating the throwing of the two bombs. They questioned a number of witnesses about the circumstances of the bold attack. A coolie saw a Chinese with what appeared to be the deadly parcel under one arm. Others heard the thud when the hand grenades landed on the floor of the circulation office and, strangely enough, did not explode.

Mr. De Valera Appeals For National Unity

Eire Premier Says No Group Should Prejudice Good of All

Dublin, Mar. 25.

A strong appeal for national unity and obedience to the authorities was made here last night by the Premier of Eire, Mr. Eamon de Valera, in a broadcast speech.

Although it could not be denied that the desire by any one group to realize unity in Ireland within the realm of its own national aspirations was lawful, it depends upon the sovereign authority of the state to regulate by what mode of action such unity might be sought, he added.

"It is not the moral right of any individual or group of individuals to choose a means that is contrary to public good or general justice," he concluded.—Havas.

Easter Monday in Shanghai

Crowds Take Advantage of Clear Weather to Attend Sporting Fixtures

After a dreary, drizzling Easter Sunday which played havoc with the customary displays of Easter finery, Shanghai woke up yesterday morning to the rather hesitant promise of a bright Easter Monday. Early in the morning the sun came out in all its glory, later disappearing behind white, misty clouds, clouds which parted in patches to reveal a pale blue sky behind them. Golfers, racing enthusiasts and football fans scanned the skies with anxious eyes as they leaped, staggered or fell out of bed, the method of dismounting from the downy couch varying with the Easter celebrations of the evening before, and each offered up a prayer or threat to his particular deity to keep the day fine, or at least dry.

Although yesterday was a bank holiday, some firms were open for business as usual. Most of Shanghai's thousands of directors, managers, clerks, stenographers, salesgirls and chit-coolies had the day off and all proceeded to take advantage of it to the best of their ability.

Sporting Events

Sporting interest was divided between the Canidrome and the Race Course. At the former, several thousand persons turned out to attend the Skottowe Cup final between the Lido and Clube Lusitano, while racing addicts flocked to the Race Course to watch the third day races of the I. R. C. 28th Annual Race Meeting, which included the I. R. C. Grand National and the Easter Monday Handicap.

Late in the afternoon, Nanking Road was thronged with thousands of people, mostly Chinese, who were out to take advantage of the rather mild weather. Along Bubbling Well Road could be seen several hardy foreigners who seemed to take it for granted that Spring had definitely arrived. These gentry were attired in resplendant spring suits and had ventured out into the open without overcoats, adding a gay splash of colour to the scene.

Plan to Assist Local Industries

Chungking To Investigate Situation

A plan has been drawn up by the Southwestern Industrial Association for relieving big Chinese industries in Shanghai which are said to be experiencing difficulties in view of the situation. The Chinese press reports that according to the plan, the Ministries of Finance and Economics should send representatives to make investigations first in order to know the production and distribution of goods manufactured by Chinese factories in Shanghai with a view to extending financial help.

After completion of the investigations, the joint office of the four Government banks should be ordered to grant credit to the factories. The sum of money to be advanced to such factories should be increased by the Credit Committee of the joint office and all commercial banks should also carry out the same credit scheme by organizing a consortium. The Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai should organize an industrialists' federation.

This federation will also investigate the organization, production and distribution of factories for the reference of the Government and banks so that the latter may have an idea of how much credit can be given to the factories applying for loans. In order to increase the foreign exchange income of the Government, it is provided in the plan that Chinese factories in Shanghai which send goods to foreign settlements or colonies should buy their foreign exchange at the official rate from Government institutions.

Germans Admit Threat To Nordic States

Allied Aid to Finns Would Have Widened Scope of War

Berlin, Mar. 25.

"Germany left no doubt that the transport of British and French troops across Norway and Sweden, and the intervention of these countries in accordance with the British demands, would have been the first act of widening the theatre of war, which would have been a threat to Germany from the north," stated the official news agency yesterday.

"Germany was determined to react to such an event, and this was known to these states," the agency added.

This statement was issued in comment upon one attributed to M. Pehr Swinhufud, former Premier of Finland, that Germany would not have intervened, if Sweden had intervened in favour of Finland.—Reuter.

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Russia Little Use to Germany

An Agricultural System Which Does Not Work; Defective Factories' Shoddy Production

THE Russian campaign in Finland has dissipated a good many illusions about the Soviet Army, but the real weakness of Stalinist Russia today is of a different order. The Stalin-Hitler agreement must certainly have provided for large supplies to Germany, especially of oil and wheat. In regard to wheat, the Germans announced in October, 1939, that Russia would shortly be supplying them with a million tons of wheat. A few weeks later they were reduced to reporting that it was not to be wheat but cause the Russians were unwilling to supply, but because they forage, and so far neither wheat nor forage has arrived—not becould not.

They were unable to because their agricultural system is not working. It has yielded to the State only the strict minimum required of it, and there has been no surplus for Germany, says A. Masloff in the "Manchester Guardian" of February, 13.

The supreme authorities in the Soviet Union have just published a decree announcing the non-execution of another decree, promulgated in 1939, which had ordered a profound modification in the constitution of the collective farms. After forcing the peasants into the collectives, Stalin was forced in turn to allow them to work small plots on their own account, and to keep a small stock of cattle, while remaining workers in the collectives; and the peasants devoted most of their time to their plots. The situation became critical in the spring of 1939, and the Stalin Government organized transfers of considerable numbers of peasants to Siberia and the Ural regions and prepared the decree mentioned. It provided for a reduction in the size of the individual plots permitted, for the transfer of cattle to the collectives, and for the abandonment of the remaining individual farms and the transfer of the peasants working them to the collectives.

This the peasants met with passive resistance; they delivered up little wheat, less cattle, and no individual farms, and the decree has now been rescinded. (Meanwhile the Soviet-Bulgarian trade agreement provides for Soviet purchases of Bulgarian pork, pigs, and even wheat). This is a direct consequence of Stalin's defeats in Finland. The Russian army is fighting badly because it is an army of peasants and is fighting in a cause in which the peasants have not the slightest interest, and the Stalinist regime has thus been forced into a compromise which is a victory for the peasants, who have seen most of the profits of collectivization squandered by the new dominant class.

Shoddy Production

The Finnish campaign has disillusioned many people. There is constant talk of the wretched quality of the Russian bombs and shells; they share this quality with everything made in Russia, especially in the giant factories. At the beginning of January "Pravda" published a long article confirming what was known already, that the Gorki (Nijni-Novgorod) factories were producing cars and tanks far below the quantity provided in the plan, and that the enormous numbers of cars produced will never run for a simple hour. The same is true of the Stalingrad tractors—and these are the two largest factories in the country. The plight of the Kiroff (formerly Putiloff) factories at Leningrad is almost as bad, and a further impressive fact lies in the textile provisions of the Soviet-Bulgarian agreement. The Russian textile industry is one of the oldest in the country; yet under this agreement Bulgaria is to be supplied with Soviet raw cotton for manufacture into yarn, and the Soviet manufacturing mills will use this Bulgarian yarn. The Trekhgornaya textile mills of Moscow have had a good reputation for fifty years past; yet one of the conferences for the improvement of production has just laid down that these mills must not only fulfil the plan for the coming year but must also improve the quality of their production by 30 per cent.

Not only has poor quality of the Soviet shells and bombs been remarked in Finland, but the condition of the overcoats—cotton overcoats—of the Soviet troops and the state of the Murmansk railway. On this railway it is announced from day to day that the engine-drivers are establishing "records" by bringing in their trains 54 minutes in advance of the time-table—eloquent evidence of the lack of elementary precision in the traffic and of shortage of trains on the line, a shortage which makes it possible to set up individual speed records. No wonder the Russian troops in Finland are only sporadically furnished with supplies.

The visible economic consequences of the Finnish campaign are thus (1) the revelation that Soviet industrialization is far behind the plans: quantity is secured at the expense of quality, which is proving wretched even for Army supplies; (2) any improvement in the conditions of mass mobilization and of the costly warfare is almost inconceivable; (3) agriculture is so upset by the Finnish war, with its continuous large-scale mobilization, that any new thrust in the direction of collectivization is impossible. The peasants are occupied with their individual plots and produce no adequate surplus in the collectives, so that the export prospects are disastrous.

"Heroes" of the Workshop

At the same time, news of what in the Soviet Union is called "Socialist emulation" confirms again and again that certain "Stakhanovists" accomplish "norms" (their own normal production) of 260 to 400 per cent. of normal; as miracles do not happen, either normal is appallingly low or the figures lie. Meanwhile, a vigorous "emulation" campaign was carried on, reaching its climax in November and December, but it had to be announced that the "plan" was not fulfilled; accordingly an improved system of "emulation" was adopted, with the result that the plan was frequently worked to quantitatively; qualitatively it has produced the bombs and shells and the textile and transport difficulties mentioned.

There remains an issue which is occupying the Stalinist economists, that of the participation of Russian capital in foreign enterprises, of which the Bulgarian agreement furnishes the first example, and, conversely, the participation of foreign capital and technical experts in Russian enterprises, on which the Russian delegates have been at work from the outset of the Russo-German economic negotiations. This problem has gained in urgency through the disillusion produced by the Finnish campaign; for the same reason it has gained in difficulty.

Iron and Steel Export Drive

Orders Representing Many Thousands of Tons Received

One of the problems facing the newly-appointed British Export Council is that of developing trade abroad in iron and steel, states the "Daily Telegraph."

Already many foreign countries are asking for these commodities. Orders representing many thousands of tons have been received.

The problem is twofold:

To provide manufacturers with the materials they require without interfering with the output of munitions, and

To ensure that iron and steel are exported in a form which will bring a satisfactory financial return.

There is a world shortage of steel. France has practically ceased to export. Germany is not exporting at all. Poland and Czechoslovakia are in the same position. Belgium and Luxembourg, who normally sent out a very large proportion of their production, are exporting only under great difficulties. Britain, on the other hand, has one of the cheapest steel markets in the world owing to the Empire stabilizing policy.

Semi-Finished Goods

Britain is not now dependent on imports as she was at a late period in the last war, because her steel-making capacity has been pushed up to something over 14,500,000 tons annually.

On balance, however, she is still an importing country and forced to rely on some imports, particularly of semi-finished goods, because the capacity for rolling steel in Great Britain is higher than the capacity for melting it.

This is one of the chief difficulties of executing foreign orders at present. It would waste foreign exchange and shipping space to export what must subsequently be imported.

Here is seen the value of the new council with its executive powers to carry out whatever policy is decided best for the furtherance of export trade.

Already, by a system of licences within the industry itself, steel is more or less rationed for home consumers. An exact record of production is kept, a weekly check being taken of the total supply position and the orders in hand. At the same time the needs of various home industries are systematically ascertained.

"Approved" Countries

All this information will be at the disposal of the Export Council, which, if it is thought fit, would presumably transfer to the export trade some of the steel that otherwise might be employed for home industries.

Foreign customers whose orders are accepted will belong to countries "approved" by the Ministry of Economic Warfare. In this respect one reason that is obviously important is the exchange benefit.

It is understood that the most probable policy to be adopted will be that of encouraging the export of iron and steel in the form of manufactured goods, as far as possible. Effort will most probably be made to develop exports in the more specialised form of steel products, such as high-speed steel, wire goods, and possibly even tinplate, which commands a higher price than structural steel.

If tinplate can be sold at approximately £30 a ton it would be a very much more remunerative transaction than to sell ordinary steel at about £11 or £12 per ton. The additional advantage would be an economy in actual tonnage.

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Shares Index: (Morning Session) 69.58.
—Reuter.

THE appointment of Air Marshal Sir Charles Burnett to be Australia's new Chief of Air Staff is an indication of the importance attached to Australia's future contribution to our fighting forces. For Sir Charles, for the past three years, has been in charge of all the training establishments in England, and before that was chief Air Officer in Irak and Director of Operations at the Air Ministry. Sir Charles is an Aberdeenshire Scot, with a fetish for efficiency, and is 57.

Food Production In Germany

Government Exhortations To Grow More Food; Lack Of Skilled Labour

Farmers in Germany have their problems, and judging by recent broadcast talks to German farmers they are much the same as ours. Government exhortations to grow more food are common form. Feeding-stuffs are in short supply there, too, and lack of skilled labour has threatened to handicap the food production campaign. The tone of the German broadcasts is most fatherly, and the German farmer is clearly not expected to question Government agricultural policy or the advice given him about the conduct of his business, states "The Times."

Implicit obedience and a complete system of market control evolved before the war are reckoned great virtues. By contrast a Munich spokesman has pointed out that "the British farmer has no sense of collective action and the Government cannot prevent him from selling his uncontrolled products at knock-out prices." Germany has evidently not heard of the Ministry of Food's livestock control scheme and the many other controls now governing the British farmer's business. Any short comings in our food production campaign will not be due to lack of regulations.

Better Grassland

In Britain we are engaged in an ambitious ploughing campaign to convert grass fields for arable cropping and, no less important, to improve the output of the grass fields which remain. In most parts of Germany arable cropping predominates and the chief concern seems to be to rouse farmers to a better understanding of the potential value of the grassland they have. From Hamburg station they were warned recently that "pastures usually constitute a black spot on the farm. However large the output of other agricultural crops, the farm lacks a sound foundation if its grassland is neglected. Pastures must be tuned up to the same pitch as other branches of intensive farming." Neglected ditches and lack of lime in particular must be remedied because "in the long run the prosperity of the Fatherland depends on securing necessary supplies of animal feeding-stuffs, and the battle of production will only be won if pastures are raised to the same level as arable land."

Some remarkable facts about Germany's sheep were brought out in another talk. In 1867 Germany had about 28,000,000 sheep, but by 1933 numbers had fallen to 3,400,000 owing to the development of the Australian wool trade and the turnover to arable arming. In the past six years numbers had been doubled to save foreign currency, and a Bavarian flock-master brought to the microphone agreed that the Government took care of his interests. They had fixed the price for wool, and when short of money he could obtain a loan without interest from the Reich Wool Utilization Department. Another Government department arranged that sheep farmers were provided with good grazings. It is perhaps hardly fair to our Ministry of Supply even to mention this delightfully benevolent attitude at a time when flockmasters in this country are feeling outraged by the treatment meted out to them by the Wool Control.

Early Training

Another recent talk outlined the steps which now have to be taken in order to become a "National-Socialist farmer of the Greater German Reich." Most boys will attend the elementary school up to the age of fifteen. Then they will become agricultural apprentices for two years, after which an examination must be taken. When the examination is passed the youth is entitled to be called an agricultural workers' assistant. A further two years of apprenticeship with attendance at an agricultural school and another examination lead the young man in peace-time to his labour service at the age of nineteen, and after that his military service. Then the trainee of outstanding ability can attend a higher agricultural school to fit him to manage a large farm, or those who have qualities fitting them to be farmers' leaders will go to special schools for agricultural political training. It is emphasized that "the prospects for all sorts of agricultural professions are very good today, as agriculture has a different standing from what it had formerly. This is largely owing to the acquisition of new districts in the East. But the settlement of farmer-owners will be decided only when the war in the West is victoriously concluded and then we shall think first of the soldiers who have justifiable claims on this land."

Prisoner labour from Poland is being offered to German farmers, and extra farm hands for spring work are being provided so far as possible at low wages. The land girls are told that they will have to carry out great tasks set them by the Führer, especially now during the winter months. They must take their part in the life of the rural community, revive old customs and feasts, and learn to spin and weave. When they have finished their time in the country they should help their mothers (if these are farmers' wives or become farmers' wives themselves.

Novel Crops

Some curious innovations in farming practice are advocated in these German farming talks. Much emphasis is laid on the breeding of small animals, especially rabbits and beavers, which can make good use of waste food material and which yield valuable fur and flesh. About an acre of ground will, it is said, keep 200 to 300 beavers, and they are content with an artificial pond. Hemp is recommended as a suitable crop for almost worthless fields which would give only a poor yield of beet or rye. One grower said that he had 300 acres of hemp last year and that with guaranteed prices the prospects are good now that a machine has been invented which will harvest about 20 acres a day. Flax growing is also being encouraged, and every flax grower is entitled to an extra ration of clothing. For every five tons he supplies, 5 marks' worth of extra ration is allowed, together with ¼lb. of linseed oil. The possibilities of soya beans have not been overlooked as a universal provider, and high hopes are based on experiments with early ripening varieties evolved by cross-breeding from a strain imported from Canada. Austria and parts of Poland will, it is said, become the soya country of the Reich. Germany also hopes much from the new varieties of sweet lupin which have been evolved by scientists. These are non-alkaloid and have a high content of protein and fat.

Such ambitious efforts to achieve greater self-sufficiency should inspire us to prove again our mettle on the food front, even though we proceed on more orthodox lines.

British Banks War Problems

Traditional Strength Remains Unimpaired; Deposits Increase 27 Per Cent. in Past Decade

WHEN one comes to review the position of British banks during the past year, which includes several months of war-time, it is natural for the mind to hark back to a period just a quarter of a century ago. Now, when dealing with the banking position thoughts are concentrated mainly on the activities ef the London clearing banks, eleven in all, for the banks of England and Wales not members of that organization are few in number and control assets of relatively small magniture, states "The Times."

How different was the position 25 years ago, for at that time, despite innumerable amalgamations over the extended pre-War period, there were still in operation a number of banks who were members of the clearing and a good many which were outside it. The rapid and important series of amalgamations of the Great War era had not yet gathered momentum, had, in fact, not even begun. No doubt then existed as to the stability of our banking system, for the various institutions had stood the strain following the outbreak of war, but would they be capable of dealing adequately with the new conditions which would arise when large-scale operations would be the order of the day and when undoubted stability and liquidity would be even more important factors than probably ever before?

Great Minds of Banking

There is not a single high executive officer of any large bank who was in a position of control at his head office a quarter of a century ago. The great minds which developed British banking into what we have in the far too few years of peace come to regard as an impregnable position have all passed away, leaving as monuments to their lasting memory the banks of the present day.

Peace-time Problems

Peace-time has not been without its problems of a new order, but the post-War generation of bankers dealt with them successfully, having taken in their stride steps which might have nonplussed even their predecessors. Then even before September, 1939, it was essential to prepare for conditions which might never arise, but for which, so far as possible, provision must be made. It may here be interpolated that the bankers of 1914 had no opportunity of taking similar preliminary precautions. But last year the darkening clouds on the international political horizon rendered that course necessary. And that such action was taken with wisdom is due to the farseeing policy of the bankers of the last War and the breadth of vision of their successors, whose preparations for and the solution of the innumerable problems with which they had to deal in the closing months of the past year have resulted in the position where British banking stands unassailed, its strength and integrity greater than ever before, and its esteem regarded without parallel.

Lower Profits

To revert to the past year's operations. From the point of view of profit-earning, the period was one in which heavier taxation had to be borne, expenses of a new form in respect of A.R.P. requirements had to be met, and most items entering into that vast omnibus account known as general charges were influenced adversely. True it is that, as in the last War, many sub-offices have been closed for the duration, but the economy thus effected is relatively small in the aggregate. That profits showed a decline as compared with earlier years is not surprising; that the decline was not greater speaks well for the conservatism previously displayed.

What is the position of the resources controlled by the clearing banks? In what way have they been affected by the changed conditions of the past year? A statement presented below sets out as at the close of business on December 30, last the liabilities of the banks to customers as represented by the current and deposit accounts, and it also shows the main items of assets arranged in the order of their liquidity. These figures alone cannot be fully appreciated unless they can be set against strictly comparable returns for earlier periods, and these we are enabled to add.

SUMMARY OF ACTUAL POSITION, TO NEAREST MILLION OF 11 LONDON CLEARING BANKS

	Dec. 31 1929*	1936	1939	1938	June 30 1939	Dec. 31 1939
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Deposits	1,914	2,330	2,350	2,271	2,247	2,441
Cash	249	261	260	255	235	274
Money in transit. etc.	69	89	92	86	82	105
Short money	156	210	166	157	155	180
Bills	216	284	278	233	235	334
Four items	690	844	796	731	707	893
% of deposits	(36.0)	(36.2)	(33.8)	(32.2)	(31.4)	(36.6)
Investments	269	665	640	627	596	609
Advances	1,030	890	986	984	1,016	1,010
Two items	1,299	1,555	1,626	1,611	1,612	1,619
% of deposits	(67.8)	(66.7)	(69.0)	(71.0)	(71.7)	(66.3)

*Includes the figures of the County and District banks, which after their amalgamation joined the clearing house four years ago.

Rising Deposits

During the past decade, in which so many disturbing events have occurred, the deposits have increased by no less than £527,000,000, or 27 per cent., to a total of £2,441,000,000, while the ratio of quick assets has risen from 36 to 36.6 per cent., and in amount from £690,000,000 to £893,000,000. Among the remaining important assets, investments have displayed a marked change, having expanded from £269,000,000 to £609,000,000. On the other hand, advances have not quite fully recovered to the peak level of 10 years ago, when trade was active. To bring the comparison to nearer times, it will be seen that within the past year deposits have increased by £170,000,000, which has more than made up for the withdrawal of foreign balances effected during 1938, while over the second half of last year the growth was of somewhat greater extent.

These remarks similarly apply to the first four of the groups of assets, the principal gains during the 12 months having been more marked in the second half, with the result that quick assets, which represented 32.2 per cent. of deposits just over a year ago and were down to 31.4 per cent. six months later, were at the close of 1939 of the proportion of 36.6. The most noteworthy change among the assets thus covered was in respect of bills discounted. While all banks do not separate their trade bills from their holding of Treasury Bills the information provided by such banks as do split their figures goes to show what is only to be expected, that trade bills have declined in volume and that the holding of Treasury Bills has largely expanded.

British Overseas Investments

Income Fell by 6½% in 1938 According to Sir R. Kindersley's Last Survey

Since the war, for obvious reasons, less has been heard of the current contribution to the financing of our import requirements made by the income from British oversea investments and much more of the so-called reserve of purchasing power represented by the capital value of those investments. Such income fell by 6½ per cent. in 1938 according to the latest survey, the eleventh in the annual series, conducted by Sir Robert Kindersley.

This was despite certain mitigating circumstances, such as forward commitments entered into by producers of commodities which made the fall in profits of commercial enterprises abroad less pronounced than the decline of prices or of industrial output, and despite the usual time-lag between the translation of lower earnings into smaller dividends.

The last-mentioned factor, if not the first, must have been an aggravating as opposed to a mitigating circumstance in the current year and it is a moot point whether the more recent rise in commodity prices can have served to redress its effect on this year's income, states "The Times" of December 16.

Repatriation of Capital

A further repatriation of capital, continuing the movement which, save for 1933 and 1934, has been in progress since 1931, took place during 1938, repayments to this country exceeding new oversea issues by £10,000,000, and the nominal value of the total investments in quoted and unquoted securities, Sir Robert reckons, declined by £61,000,000 to £3,692,000,000. Incidentally he enters a reminder that 70 per cent. of these investments consist either of sterling bonds of oversea Governments or securities of British companies operated abroad, and concludes "that few, if any, of these securities have a ready market outside the United Kingdom."

Few, if any, seems rather sweeping, but it is as well that it should be recognized that the total of liquid foreign assets which might be mobilized or the possible finance of the war is something considerably smaller than the total of British oversea investments. In this connexion it is interesting to note that Mr. Keynes in the promised estimate of what he calls the "income and fiscal potential of Great Britain," which he now gives in the December "Economic Journal," puts such assets at not less than £1,000,000,000.

Small Savings

As expected the latest return of Post Office and Trustee Savings Bank deposits shows not the slightest indication of any diversion of small savings by way of subscriptions to the latest series of National Savings Certificates and "Baby" Defence bonds. The return is made up to November 30 and covers the first week of the "lend to defend" campaign. Deposits in the Trustee Savings Bank have risen as compared with October 31 from £250,000,000 to £251,200,000, and in the Post Office Savings Bank from £547,400,000 to £552,000,000. The combined increase of £5,700,000 to £803,200,000 (including accrued interest) corresponds in fact with a gain of £5,200,000 to £747,600,000 in November, 1938. A single month's figures, of course, are a very inadequate basis on which to base any conclusions upon the possible reaction of the campaign on such deposits, but so far at any rate is so good.

Treasury Bill Rate Higher

A moderate rise in the Treasury Bill tender rate on December 15, had been fully expected in view of the expansion of the market's portfolio of bills during the week, and the actual result of the allotment—namely, an average of £1 5s. 3.81d. per cent., against £1 4s. 6.48d. per cent. last week, was well within estimates. The rate, in fact, would probably have been higher but for a resumption of bill buying by certain of the clearing banks, following the purchase of short-dated bills from them by the authorities. At £99 13s. 8d. for bills dated any day next week, except Friday (bills of that date are 90-day bills), the market's price compared with £99 13s. 10d. last week, and the discount houses obtained the large allotment of 70 per cent. There was a further contraction from £94,550,000 to £92,565,000 in applications, probably as a result of the near approach of the end of the year. For next week and the following week the new bills are £10,000,000 in excess of maturities.

Rubber Barter Shipments Extended

The speculative buying activity in the commodity markets which followed the removal of the maximum price of tin at the beginning of the week has, for the time being at any rate, died down. December 15, the prices of most of the leading "free" commodities, except shellac, were easier.

The most interesting development was the Ministry of Supply's intimation to the rubber market that it was now prepared to buy rubber c.i.f. and f.o.b. for the April-June delivery dates in connexion with its rubber-cotton barter requirements. This extension was not unexpected and will certainly be welcomed on the ground that by spreading shipments over a longer period the disturbance of the barter operation will be lessened. It means, too, that the rubber should be acquired on slightly cheaper terms. Meanwhile, the immediate outlook for the consumption of rubber continues to be favourable. The U.S. figures for November show a further increase in the daily average absorption and the motor trade remains active.

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Mar. 14.

The market has been very quiet during the week, with little trade demand in consuming markets and no pressure to sell. The new Exchange regulations, whereby payment for shipments to certain foreign countries has to be obtained in the currency of the importing country, have to a great extent restricted operations. It is believed, however, that when a smooth working of the regulations is ensured, there will be little effect on the market.

The London market has been very dull during the week and New York reports only mild trade and speculative interest. At time of writing the local market is also dull, latest quotations being as follows:—

Spot 3⅞ cents, down 1¼ cents.
London 11¾d., down ½d.
New York 18⅝ U.S.A. cents, up 1/16 U.S.A. cent.

At the auctions yesterday there was a moderate demand for all grades. Of 485 tons catalogued, 434 tons were offered and 287 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

In Singapore per lb.	
Ribbed Smoked Sheet:—	
Standard quality	38⅛—38¼
Good average quality	37¼—38
Fair average quality	36⅛—37⅛
Off quality	34¼—36
Sheet Cuttings	34 —35
Crepe:—	
Fine quality Pale	No Sales
Standard and slightly inferior	35¾
Off-colour Latex	No Sales
Light Brown and Brown (Clean)	35 —35⅛
Milling Grades:—	
Cupwashings and skimmings	34½—34⅞
Tree Scrap	27¼—31⅜
Brown and Dark Crepe	31⅛—34⅞
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber	No Sales
Virgin Lump	27½—31¾

Goodrich Rubber Co. Synthetic Rubber Plant

Akron, Ohio, Airmail

Another major rubber company has started acquisition of facilities which may eventually be used for the production of synthetic rubber.

The Goodrich Rubber Co. has announced that construction is to be begun on a new U.S. $70,000 addition to its Akron plants. Ground was broken on Feb. 20, the company announced, for a section in which the company's chemical facilities will be expanded.

It has been reported that the Goodrich interests have opened negotiations with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey for use of the latter's process for making "Buna" synthetic rubber. Company officials have declined to comment on this report. The company is also reported to be planning to experiment with production of Koroseal, another synthetic rubber compound.

The plant will provide room for processing machinery whose cost is now estimated at U.S. $100,000. The building will be finished within 90 days.

Standard Oil already has in work plans for a synthetic rubber plant, although company officials have denied that the project is one for immediate execution.—Havas.

U.S. February Raw Silk Imports

New York, Airmail.

Imports of raw silk into the United States during February, totalling 13,566 bales, was the lowest monthly figure since 1910, according to the statistics compiled by the Raw Silk Importers, Inc. Arrivals of silk during January amounted to 33,121 bales, with 22,843 imported February a year ago.

Of the total arrivals during February, 9,095 bales were Japanese silk, 4,441 bales were Chinese silk and 30 bales were Italian.

As a result of the low imports in February, stocks of raw silk in the United States will probably show a decline of 8,000 to 10,000 bales. Stocks in New York at the end of January stood at 59,225 bales.—Havas.

U.S. National Foreign Trade Week

New York, Mar. 24.

The Foreign Commerce Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has set May 19 to 25 as the dates for the 1940 National Foreign Trade Week.

All trade associations concerned with American export trade have been invited to participate in various activities. Organization of local committees in different communities has been prepared. Special programmes have been scheduled for May 22, National Maritime Day.—Havas.

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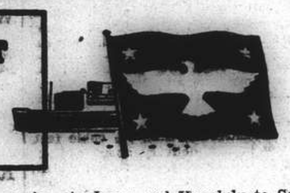

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From KEELUNG: Hukuken Maru, due with mail at T.K.K. Yangtsepoo Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA
India 29/2 6/5
From TRIESTE
Monte Piana 20/1 26/3
Conte Verde 8/3 4/4
Volpi 27/2 17/4
Carignano 25/2 22/4
From COLOMBO
Conte Verde 23/3 4/4
From SOURABAYA
Tjisadane 15/3 2/4
Tjinegara 22/3 8/4
From BATAVIA
Tjinegara 26/3 8/4
From MANILA
Laura Maersk 24/3 30/3
Pres. Taft 25/3 1/4
Tjisadane 25/3 2/4
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P. Maersk 9/2 3/4
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Grete Maersk 22/3 26/4
From LOS ANGELES
Asama M. 11/3 7/4
G'trude Maersk 19/3 14/4
Tatuta M. 25/3 21/4
From SEATTLE
West Cuseta 18/3 9/4
From HONOLULU
Asama Maru 20/3 7/4
From YOKOHAMA
Peter Maersk 26/3 3/4
From NAGASAKI
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AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Tegelberg 13/3 20/4
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VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON
Delagoa Maru 4/4
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For GENOA
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For TRIESTE
Monte Piana 27/3
C. Verde 7/4
For COLOMBO
Tokina Maru 6/4
For BOMBAY
Zinsan Maru 27/3
Ginyo Maru 30/3
For CAPETOWN
Tegelberg 22/4
For JAVA
Tjisadane 4/4
Tjinegara 11/4
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For MANILA
P. Maersk 5/4
Gertrude Maersk 15/4
Nitta Maru 1/5
For NEW YORK
Tosan Maru 27/3
Laura Maersk 1/4
Azuma Maru 6/4
Reinholt 6/4
Akagi Maru 12/4
N. Maersk 16/4
Dona Aniceta 19/4
Peter Maersk 2/5
For SAN FRANCISCO
Pres. Taft 2/4
Asama Maru 8/4
Tatuta Maru 28/4
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Capillo 28/3
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Kasima Maru 27/3
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TALTHYBIUS. From Vancouver arrived on Mar. 24, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 2, 1940. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 28-3

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Daichu M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Remo	Sungmen	V. Chieri
Essi	Wenchow	Wallem
Manyo M.	Keelung	M.B.K.
Sungshan M.	Amoy	T.K.K.
Karachi M.	—	Y.K.K.
Hakusan M.	Moji	N.Y.K.
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Tembien	Ningpo	C.I.N.
Hunglee	River Ports	T.K.K.
Fooshing	Hsinkong	C.C.T.H.
Haitung	Tsingtao	T.K.K.
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
Hafthor	Samarinda	B. Thams
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Romolo	Liuho	V. Chieri
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
U.S.S. Luzon	Cruise	—

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Iyang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tachi M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Bossievain	Neth.	J.C.J.L.
Tarn	Nor.	Dodwell

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Economic Power of the Allies And Germany Reviewed

An Analysis in Fact and Figure of War Potentials; National Economic Resources Discussed

THE key to a country's economic war potential is its national income per head of the population, which represents the output of goods and services. The higher the national income per head, the bigger is the margin available for war purposes. The following table shows the 1937 national incomes, in pre-war dollars, of Britain and the British Dominions, France, and Greater Germany. These figures are taken from the League of Nations' "World Economic Survey," 1938-39.

	National Income ($ millions)	Population (millions)	National Income per Head ($)
Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia	26,000	89.9	292
Britain	25,800	47.3	545
Canada, Australia and New Zealand ..	8,500	19.7	431
France	11,700	41.9	280

The total national income of Britain alone is similar in size to that of greater Germany. Britain and France together with a population of the same size as that of Greater Germany, have a national income half as large again.

What this means in terms of war effort is this. Suppose that for a Western European population, the minimum subsistence level is $150 per head. This means that Greater Germany can afford to spend some $13,000,000,000 a year on the war, and the Allies can spend something like $30,000,000,000 a year provided that their populations reduce their standard of life to subsistence level.

Alternatively, if both the Allies and Greater Germany were spending $13,000,000,000 a year, the population of Greater Germany would be able to consume at the rate of $150 per head, whereas that of the Allied countries would be able to consume twice as much. When the Allies mobilize their resources, they will be able to exert a very much superior war effort.

Food and Raw Materials

Both in food and in raw materials, Germany is more self-sufficient than France or Britain. The German *Institut fuer Konjunkturforschung* for February 9, 1939, states that Germany is 83 per cent. self-sufficient in food, Austria 75 per cent. and Czecho-Slovakia 100 per cent. while Britain is only 25 per cent. self-sufficient in food and France only 83 per cent. The British Dominions, on the other hand, have large export surpluses of food.

For raw materials, according to the German economist Friedensburg, Germany is dependent upon imports for 36 per cent. of her supply, Britain for 45 per cent. and France for 52 per cent.

The difference lies, however, in the fact that the Allies are able to import the goods they need, whereas Germany cannot. The Allied control cuts Germany off from at least half of her import supply; the German submarine and mine offensive, on the other hand, has so far had hardly any effect upon the Allies' ability to import.

Large Stocks

Germany has undoubtedly built up large stocks of raw materials, especially of those from which she is cut off by the Allies. But she is dependent upon imports for two-thirds of her oil and petrol, two-thirds of her iron ore, five-sixths of her copper, two-thirds of her lead, and all her nickel and chromite, two-thirds of her textile materials, four-fifths of her rubber. From half of these imports she is now cut off, and the whole resources of adjacent countries are not adequate to replace them.

Britain and France are even more dependent upon imports than Germany, and if the Allied Navies lost control of the seas their position would be critical. In the first three months of the war, however, there has been no sign of such loss of control.

Financial strength, in the last resort, is ability to pay for imports. Stocks of gold and foreign exchange represent ability to buy imports without having to use resources for supplying exports.

Ability to Pay

In this, the position of the Allies is very strong. At the outbreak of war, Britain had a gold reserve equivalent to some $2,250—2,500,000,000 and France's gold reserve was of the order of $3,000,000,000. In addition both countries have large overseas investments. Britain's foreign investments, at the current rate of exchange have a par value of some $15,000,000,000, and France's have a par value of some $5,000,000,000.

These cannot all be mobilized, of course, for some of them represent investments which cannot be sold to neutral investors. But it is estimated that the gold and easily mobilizable foreign investments of the two countries represent $7,500,000,000 to $10,000,000,000.

Moreover, the Allies are in a very powerful position to maintain their export trade to all parts of the world, especially as the ban on German exports cuts Germany off from Latin America and from certain other markets which in the past have been important sources of foreign exchange. Germany's lost markets represent something like $300,000,000 a year, and many of them represent goods which Britain and France are able to supply.

Negligible Resources

Germany, on the other hand, had negligible resources of gold and foreign exchange at the outbreak of war. Even after the acquisition of the reserves of the Austrian and Czechoslovakian National Banks, the total reserve of the Reichsbank was certainly not more than $250,000,000 and was probably substantially less.

Germany's exports to overseas countries having been cut off, Germany is completely without foreign exchange to pay for imports from her neighbours. She must therefore operate barter agreements. But the main goods which Germany's neighbours need—textiles, iron and steel and machinery—are those which Germany needs to keep for herself for war purposes, and for the production of which she lacks the raw materials. This means that Germany will have great difficulty in maintaining supplies, and so her position will become increasingly precarious.

Heavy Industry

If Germany were able to break the Contraband Control and buy the resources of raw materials which she requires, how would her munitions production compare with that of the Allies?

The maximum annual production of steel ever reached in Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland was 27,000,000 tons. The British steel-producing capacity is 15,000,000 tons, the French capacity is about 10,000,000 tons, and the Dominions' capacity about 3,500,000 tons. The Allies therefore have steel capacity at least equal to that of Greater Germany. In the last war, the Central Powers were superior in steel production.

According to the 1938 labour census, Germany has 3,740,000 metal-workers. Including Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland, the total of Greater Germany is some 4,750,000 metal-workers. Britain has some 2,900,000 metal-workers, France some 1,600,000 and the Dominions some 400,000 metal-workers, or 4,900,000 in all. The Allies, therefore, have fair equality.

In Britain and France, there is one motor car for every 19 of the population, whereas in Germany there is one for every 44. At the end of 1938, there were only 1,773,000 motor-vehicles in use in Greater Germany, compared with some 5,000,000 in Britain and France.

Standing by themselves, therefore, the Allies have a heavy industry and degree of motorization similar to that of Greater Germany. But they also have available the resources of the heavy industry and motor industry of the United States which is as great as those of Britain, France and Germany put together.

Conclusions

The detailed analysis of the economic war potentials of the Allies and Germany therefore shows that the Allies enjoy a definite and decisive potential superiority. They can afford to spend nearly twice as much on the war as the Germans can, for their standard of life is higher, and consequently resources can be released to a far greater extent for the war machine without reducing the civil population to starvation.

Secondly, they are able to maintain their supplies of foodstuffs and raw materials from overseas, for they can transport their supplies and can afford to pay for them. Germany, on the other hand, is cut off from important supplies of raw materials by the Allied Control of the Sea, and will have grave difficulties in paying for the materials which she gets from neighbouring countries. Her supplies of foreign exchange are exhausted, and the goods which her European customers require are those which she will have greatest difficulty in supplying, partly because of the needs of the war machine and partly because they depend upon imported materials from outside Europe.

U. S. Resources

Thirdly, even if Germany were able to get the raw materials she needed, the capacity of her heavy industry and motor industry to make munitions of war is lower than that of the Allies. Moreover, the Allies have at their disposal the tremendous resources of the United States.

Finally, Germany at present has built up stocks and is turning out war material at a tremendous pace. But when the vast wastage of war material begins, Germany's war effort will sooner or later flag, and she will be unable to supply her armies and her civil population fast enough to maintain the struggle.

Diet Expected to Pass Big Bills

Japanese Economy Steps Will Be Reviewed By Big Political Parties

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

All of the 110 measures submitted to the Diet were expected to be approved with exception of two bills, observers here predicted today.

Expected to be shelved were proposals calling for the establishment of an automobile charcoal distribution company and a bill which would enable steps to be taken to prevent leprosy.

A special committee of the Lower Chamber met yesterday to consider the charcoal measure, but Government authorities did not attend and the committee adjourned without taking any action.

The committee was scheduled to meet again today, but the opposition of the Minseito Party and the orthodox faction of the Seiyukai Party to the bill was expected to defeat the proposal.

Twenty-eight of the 85 pending bills were pushed through the House of Peers yesterday after brief reports of approval were submitted by the chairman of various committees which had been examining them. Measures passed one for the establishment of a fertilizer company. The second called for the revision of the employment agency law.

The legislators were given two extra days to clear up all bills when the Throne approved a request yesterday to extend the regular session two days.—Domei.

Rumanian Delegation For Britain

Negotiations for Further Exchanges to Begin Soon

Bucharest, Mar. 25.

An important Rumanian economic mission will leave Bucharest for London within the next ten days, the Government announced here yesterday.

Mr. G. Jordan, general secretary of the Ministry of Finance who has often been referred to as the leading member of the "brain trust" in the Rumanian Ministry of Finance, will head the delegation of five experts which will visit London.

The volume of trade between Rumania and Britain during the past year and a half has been much greater than during preceding years. It is from England that Rumania obtains a large portion of her negotiable currency and consequently Rumania is eager to maintain close relations with London.

Only a few years ago Germany bought Rumania's surplus grain which she re-sold to the northern European countries for strong currencies at a time when England was neglecting Rumanian markets. Political influence followed, bringing about a tug of war between England and Germany for supremacy.

Germany has the advantage of being near Rumania, but England has the advantage of possessing negotiable currency. As in politics, Rumania is doing her utmost to exercise a neutral policy in international trade.—United Press.

THREE Welsh miners, who had been trapped for more than thirty hours in a disused pit were finally hauled up the 1,200 ft. shaft in a bucket. The men, Redvers Collinson, aged 45, John Francis, 56, and John Davies, 53, all of Treherbert, near Swansea, had gone to the pit to do repair work. They were let down the shaft in an electrically-driven cage but whilst they were working, the power failed and they were cut off. A long coil of telephone wire was used to lower food and hot drinks to the men, whilst rescuers worked all night to erect a hand-winch. Eventually a bucket was lowered and the miners were brought to the surface one by one.

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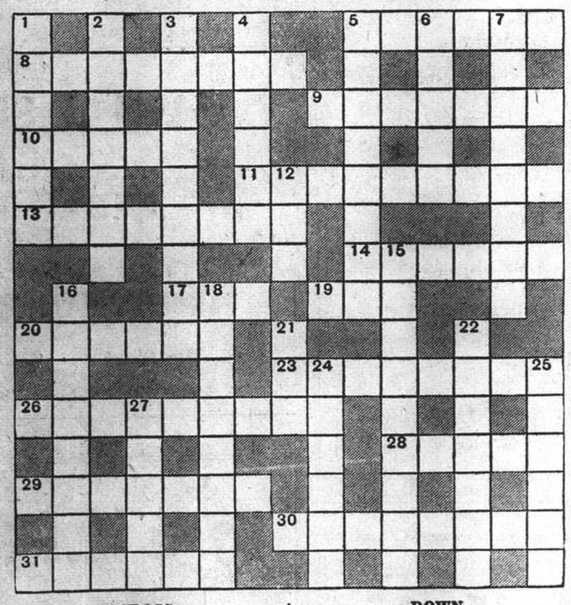

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5 Furnish in a pliant way
8 A whiner on the range, but the end was a demon on the court
9 Suitable occupation for anyone
10 It's up after half 1 down, and has kept many a parent up half the night
11 "In the glen" (anag.)
13 Is back in the middle, and not without reason
14 Trade announcement
17 This is not still in 20 across
19 Can be dug out of 31 across
20 Only a baby storm
23 It might be influenza
26 It describes a fisherman's 12 down, but the fisherman would hardly say so!
28 A period back that saw many a conflict
29 Quite a row; no wonder the dog ran back right at the start
30 A reward for an early settler
31 Singular feature of a bungalow

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1 Flower
2 Bill's relation
3 The lady who said "I don't believe it" when she saw the giraffe, was certainly this
4 This creature believes in internal comfort
5 Eastern cutter
6 It helps many a poor creature to hide a tear
7 Rabbits make good use of them (two words)
12 See 26 across
15 No bracing air this (two words)
16 A water-way
18 Could make Lily ours, apparently, but is false
21 This is tossed about in 4 down
22 "Time's up" (anag.)
24 What shop-keepers reckon to make, with the end of it
25 One could hardly, in justice, say to such a person "So you won't talk, eh?"
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